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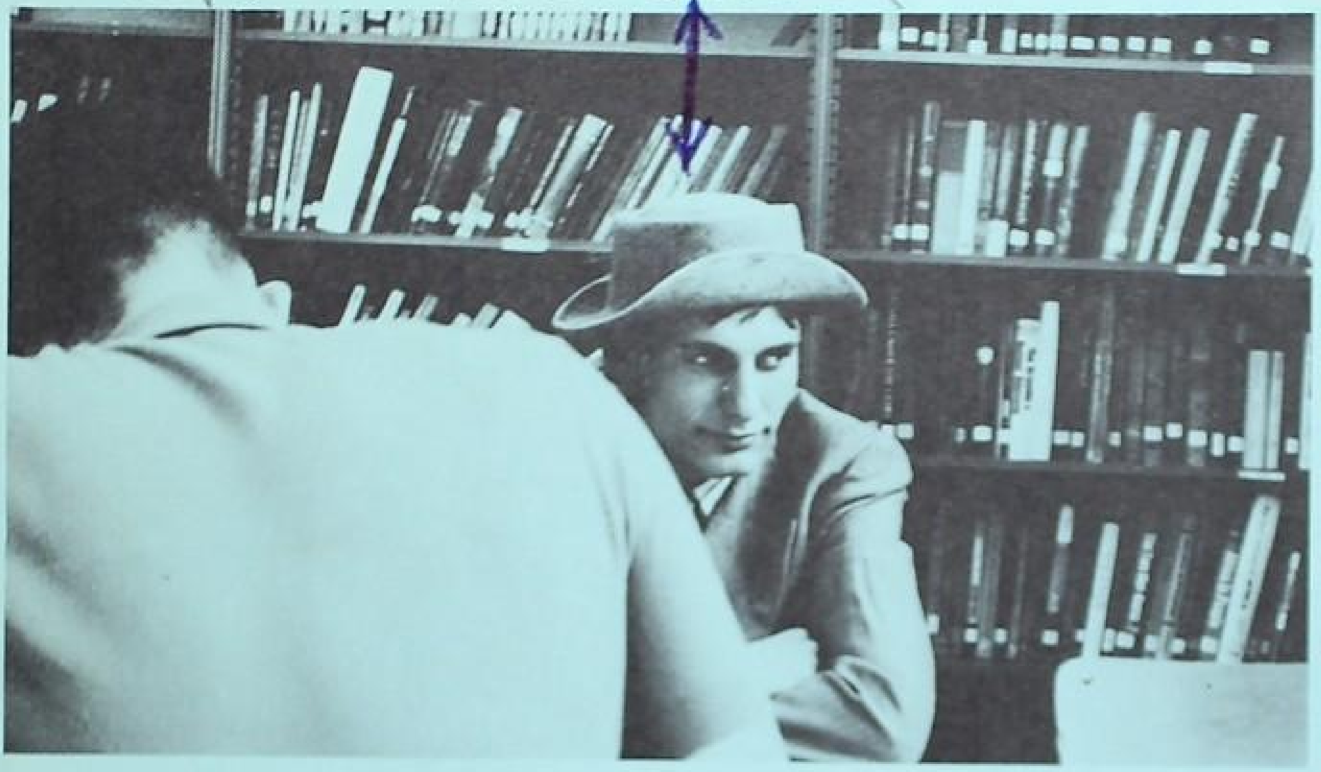
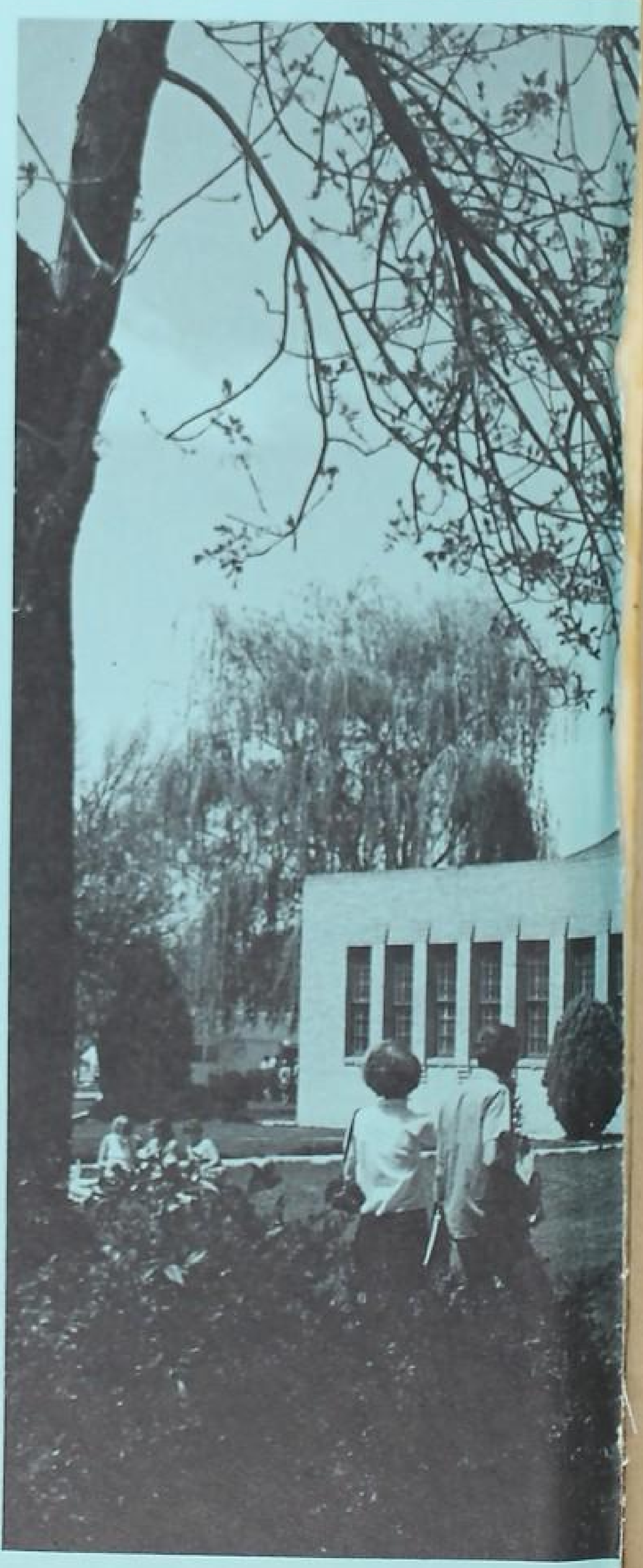
1969

Jack Blanchard





Jack,
A real cool guy
with a real neat
personality. Remem
all the fun we've
had and could hav
Yea Love ya
"71" always
Jackie
Good luck
always in any-
thing you do.
Please take
care!
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Jack,
Its really
fun going
to school with
ya again. Keep
up the cuteness
and many personality
Good luck and Stay
the same
Love Ya Always
Cheryl "ya" 71

Good luck and lots
and fun. At least
for two more
years raise as
much hell as
you can
Love,
Anne
71

More Than Brick Or Mortar FHS Was a Way of Life

"71"

"JackIE boy" (ha-ha!)

To a boy (I think),

(any way he looks like one,)) who

I've had the pleasure of stacking

hay (who he isnt much of a worker) with & going

to school with. (Good luck!)

The one & only Danny [illegible]

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Jack

Cute little Tony

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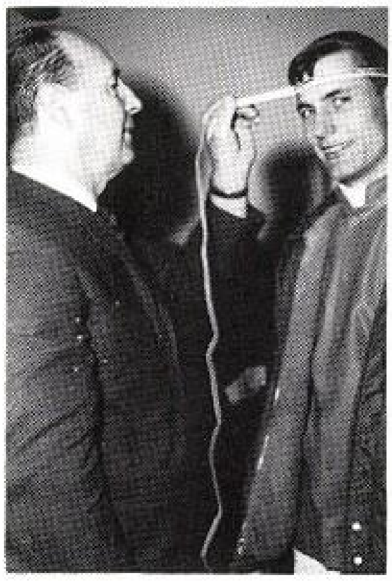

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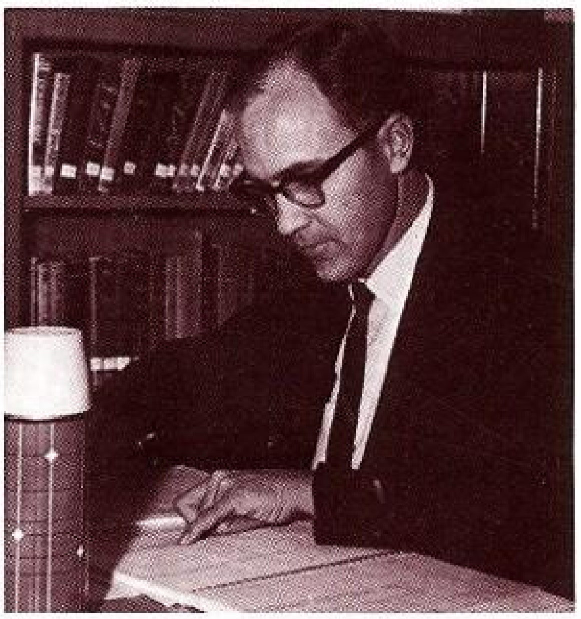

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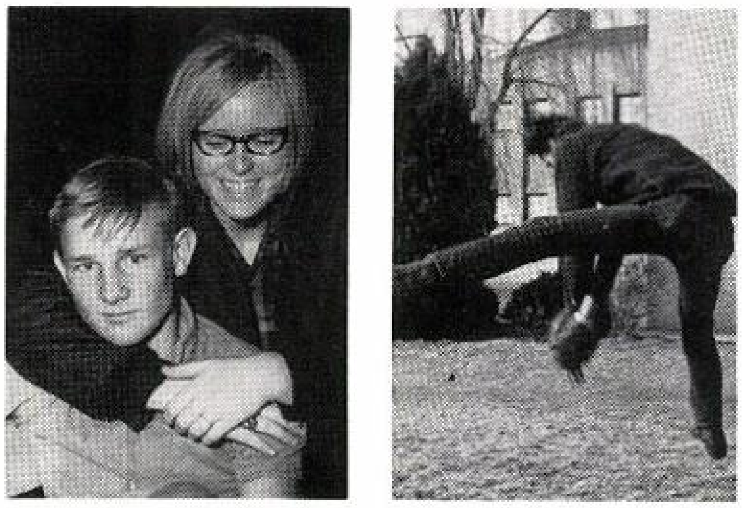

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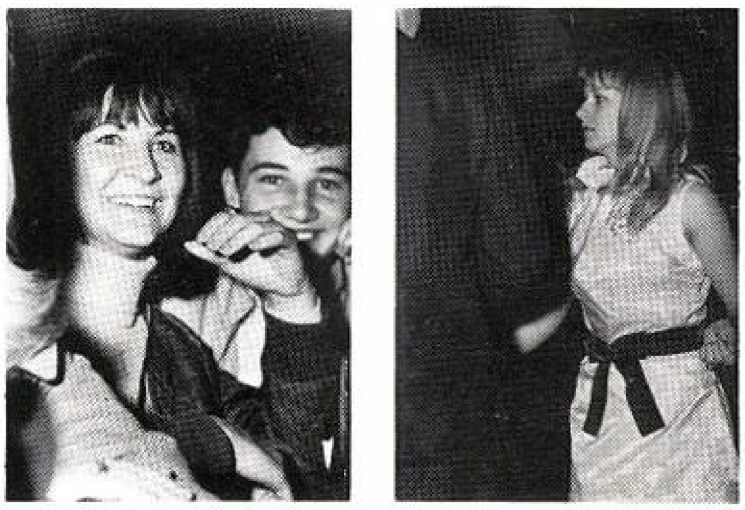

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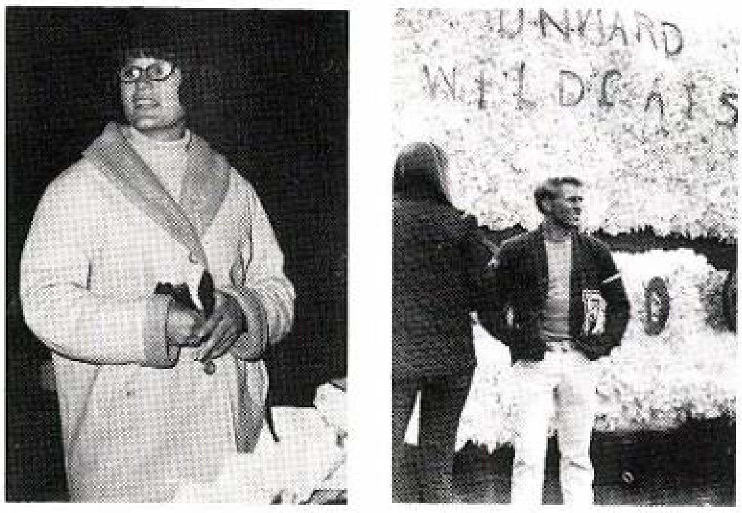

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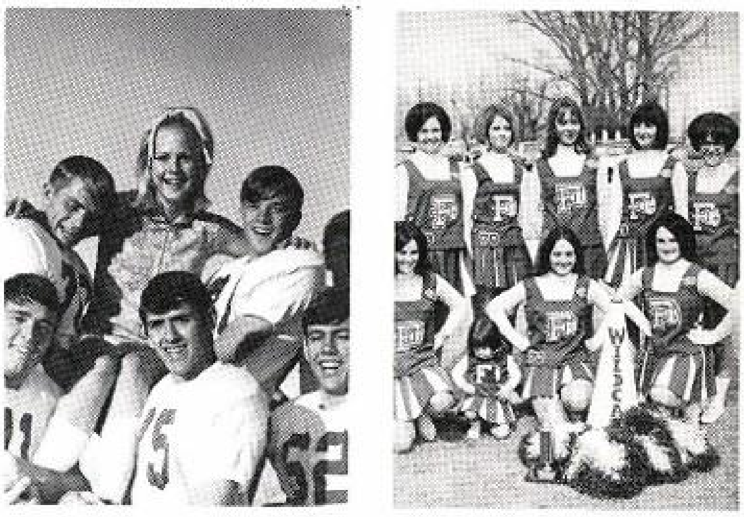

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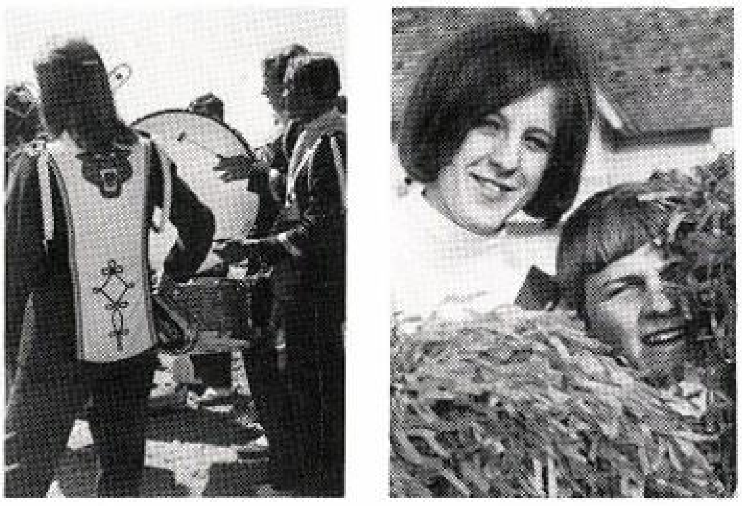

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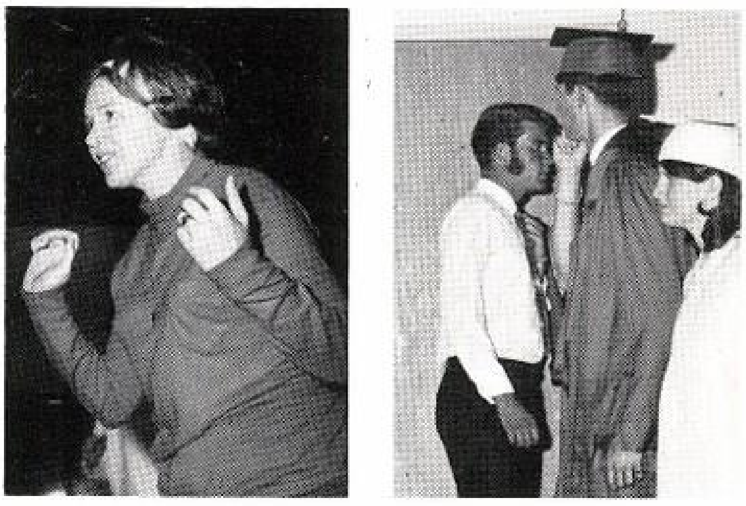

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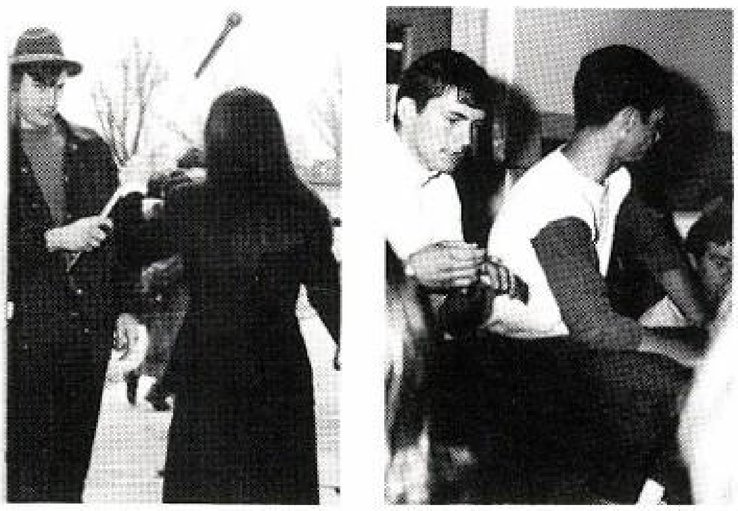

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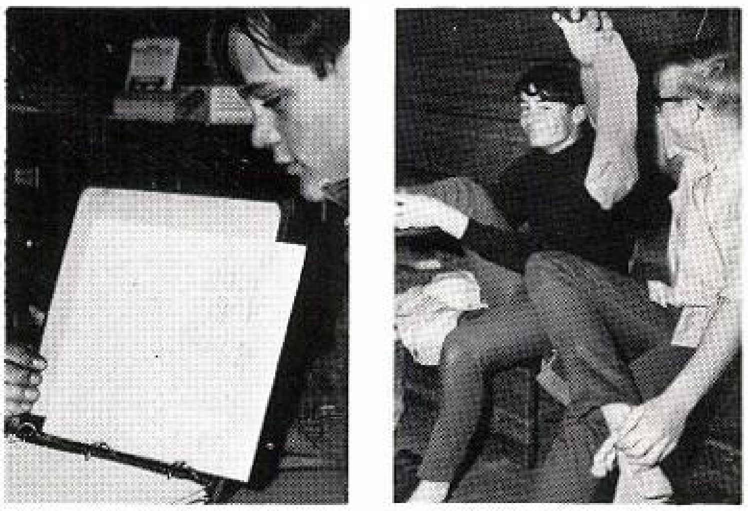

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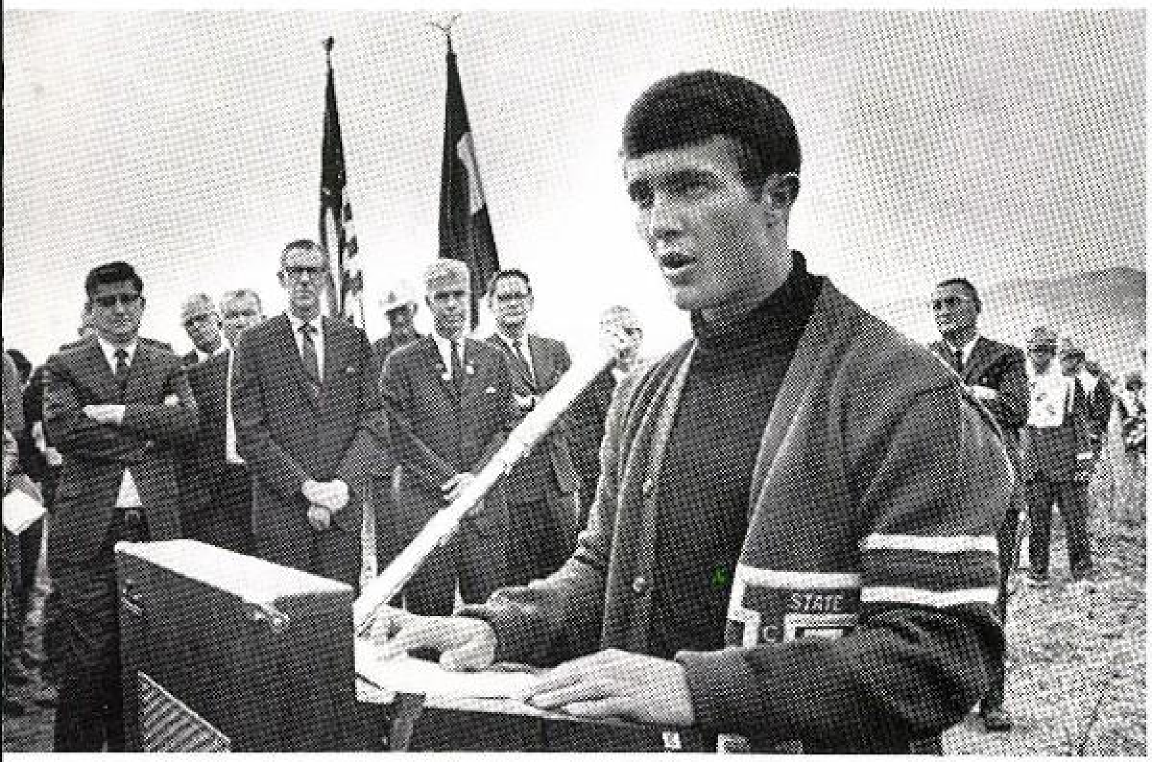
’Cat Capers, ’69

How The End Began:

Head Boy Dennis Retherford recapped a history of education in the Lower Valley during October 7 ground-breaking ceremonies to begin construction of a new Fruita Monument High School. A host of dignitaries, officials and guests witnessed the land-mark rituals on a cloudy, cool morning.



foreword —

New — like a disturbingly beautiful melody improvisationally given form in myriad ways, juxtaposed with our every action, the word *New* and its accompanying image clung with us — New! As Mr. Carl Buniger plunged his gold-crested shovel into the damp earth, it rang out a song of newness; and we sang with it, a little sad, perhaps, at the passing of an era, but rightly proud of building for the future. Yet for those steeped in the rich tradition of the Wildcat, of the dear old classrooms, the golden leaves on autumn days, the dented locker that everyone could open, the dream of newness was great — as long as we also held onto the past. U. S. Senator Peter Dominick praised the new; State Representative T. John Baer lauded the new; Principal Walden H. George made precise the advantages of a change; Superintendent Richard Ayers was pleased with planning. Fruita High School would be no more. Suddenly the gilded shovel sounded tinny! And we understood that 1969 marked not only a beginning, but an end to something precious. *The Wildcat* has attempted to capture those last highlights in a grand history spanning more than thirty years. We proudly present a story in *Finishing Touches:*

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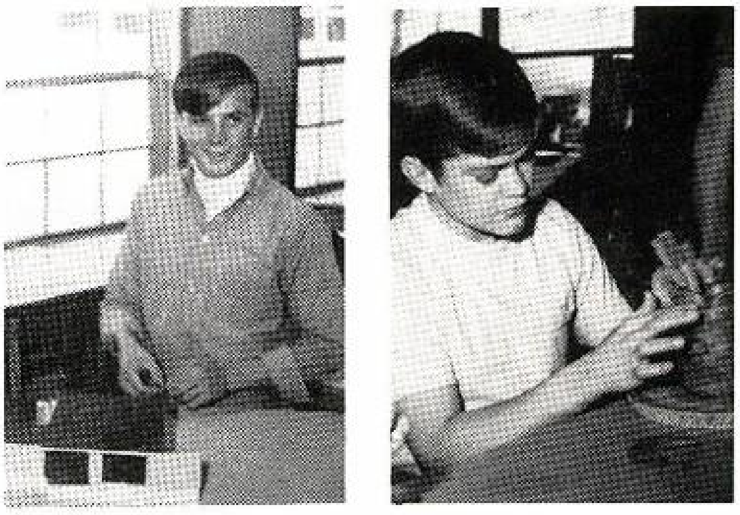

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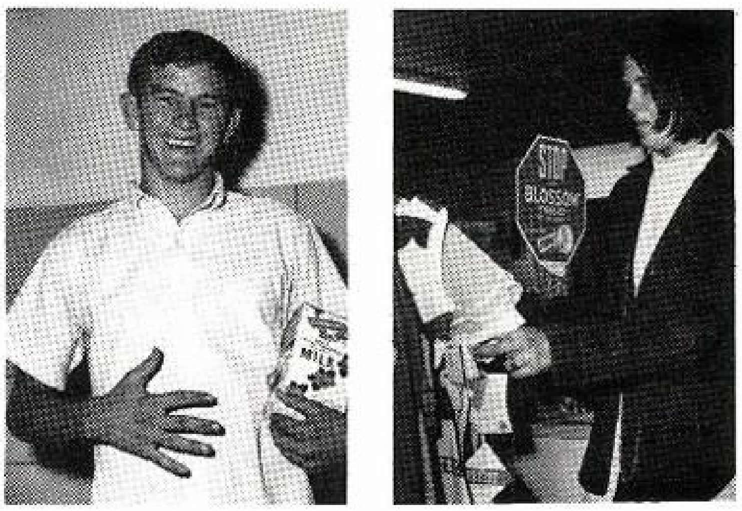

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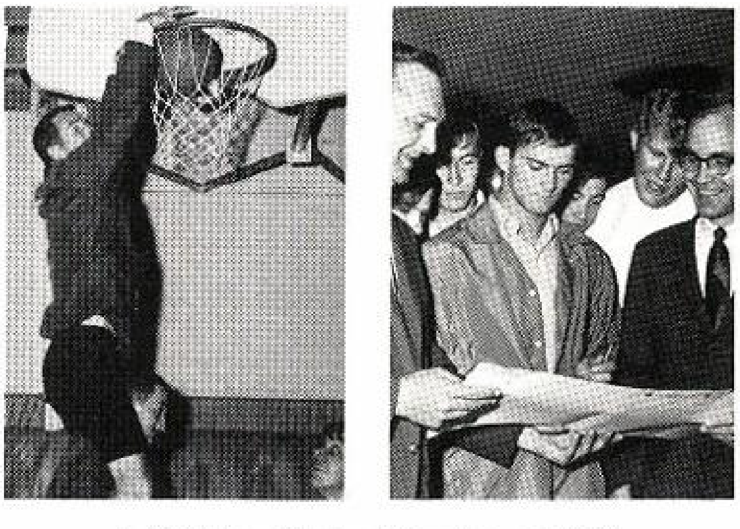

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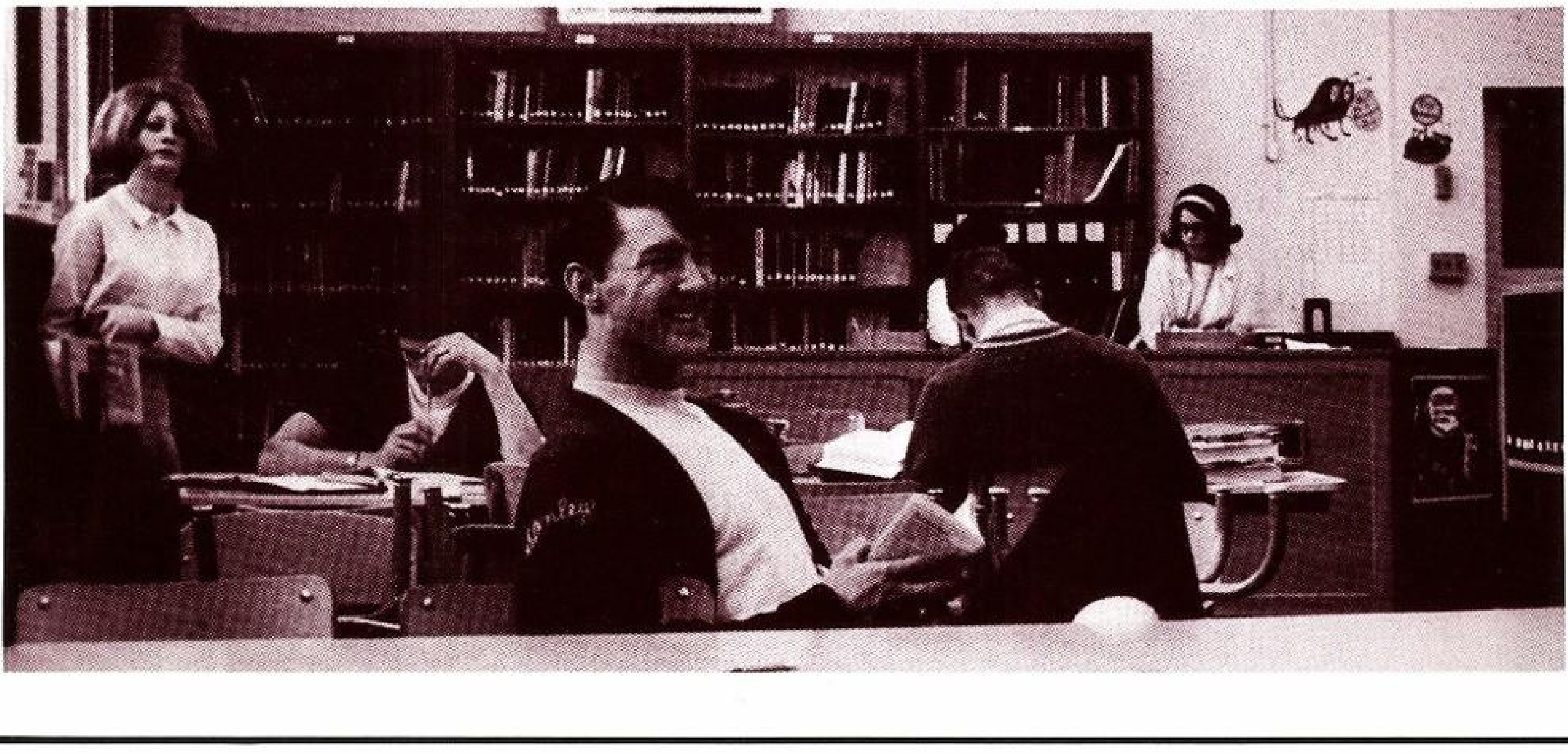


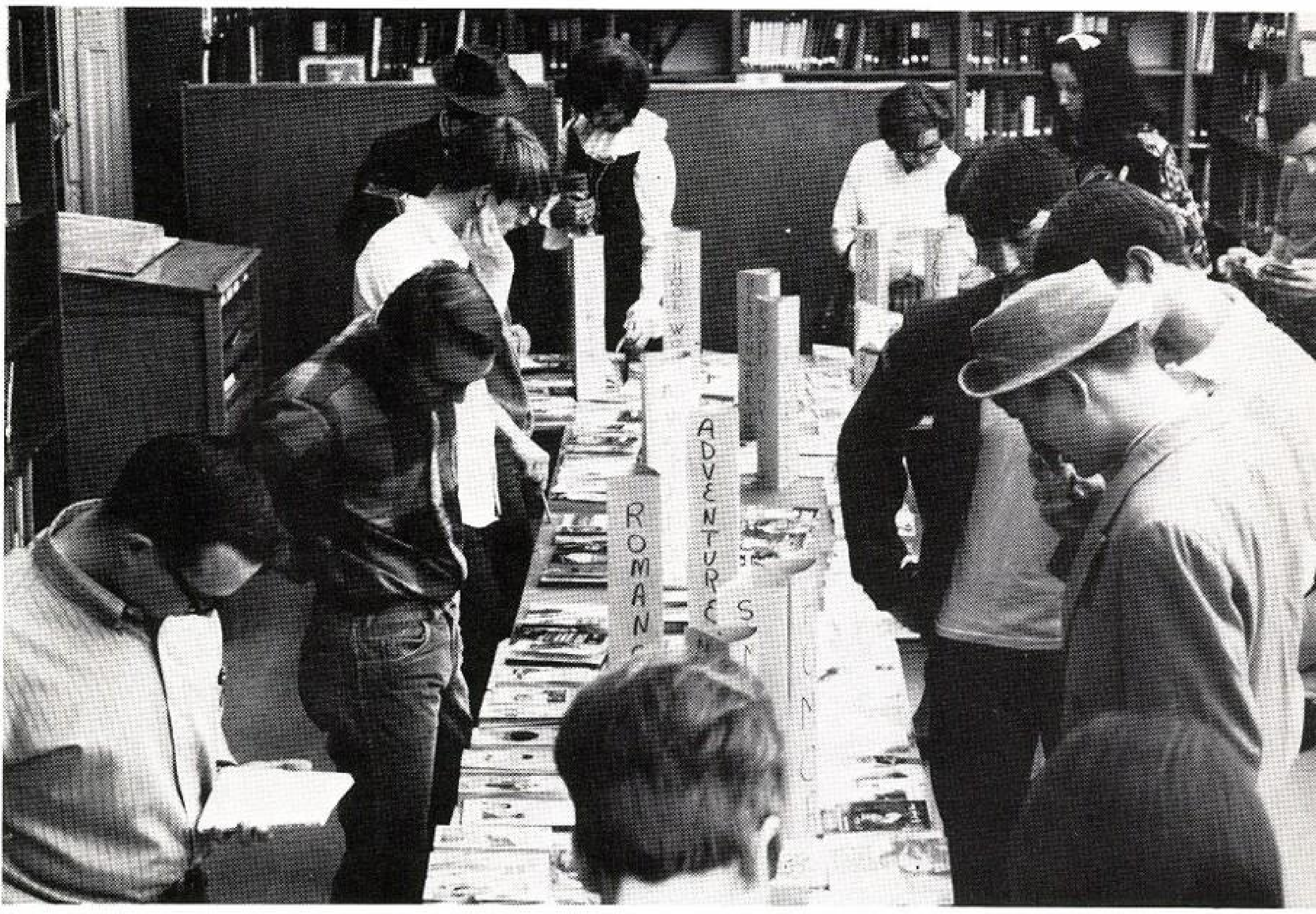
School Life

I'm a Thespian

Racing for the moon in Apollo 10, astronauts Gene Cernan, John Young and Tom Stafford gave '69 new significance as man ventured into outer space. In a hiatus between Vietnam's terror and man's brilliant exploration of new dimensions, Wildcats found hearts were lighter beyond classroom gravity; yet beneath surface pleasantries lay a deep concern. With the accent on individualism, one of the most important aspects of school life was developing an expanded sense of awareness.

Camaraderie Prevailed On Group W Grass

Costa Watson, right, not usually capricious, showed surprise at seeing a camera pointed her way. Browsing at the book fair, below, are Roger Mackey, Joe Muths, Mike Kelley, Janet Rowe, Marlene Smith, Joan Walton, Elly Rodriguez, Bob Sasser, Stan Koziol, Tim Tomlinson, Rhondy Groves, JoAdair Welch and Janet Siddens.



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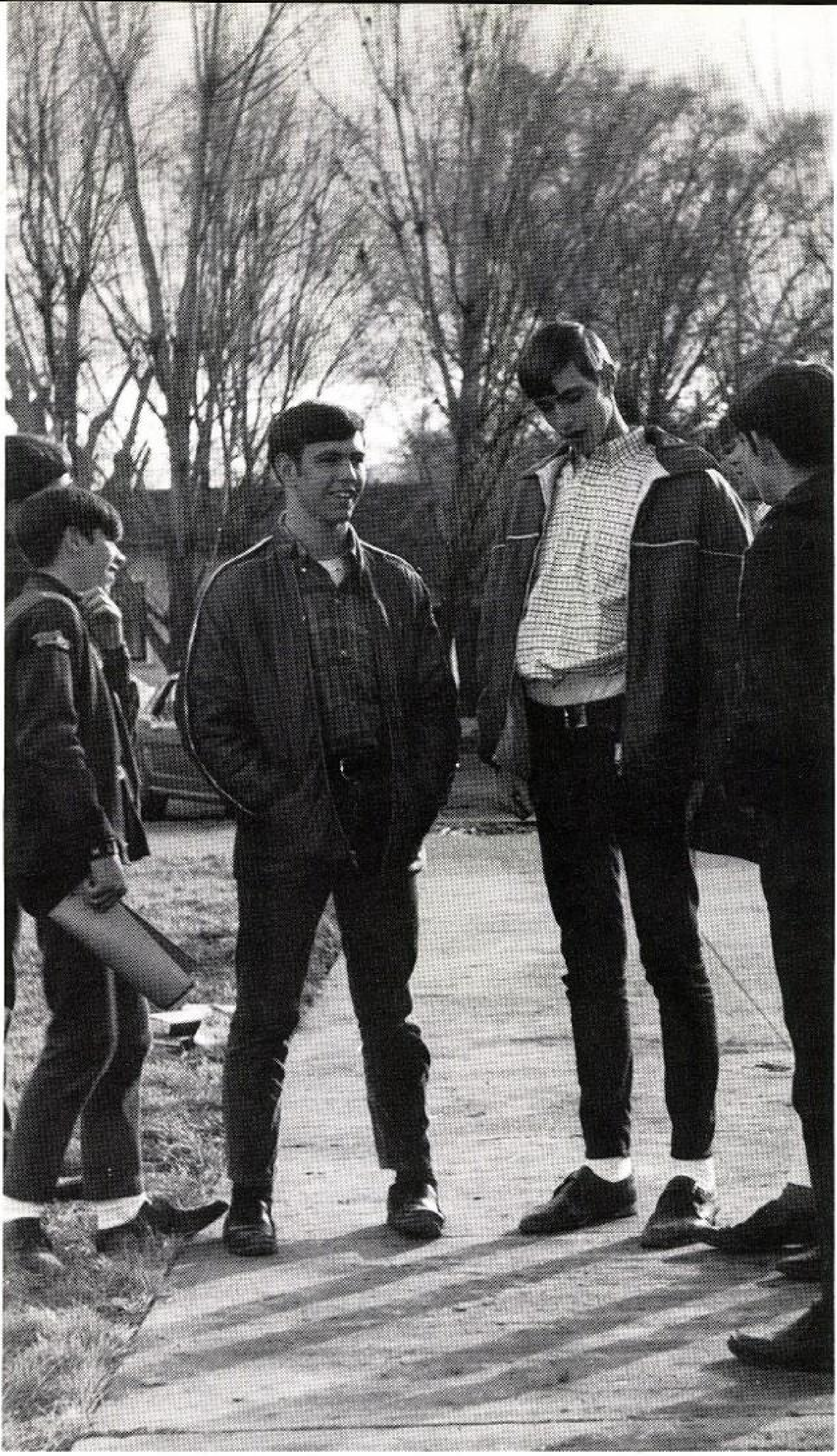
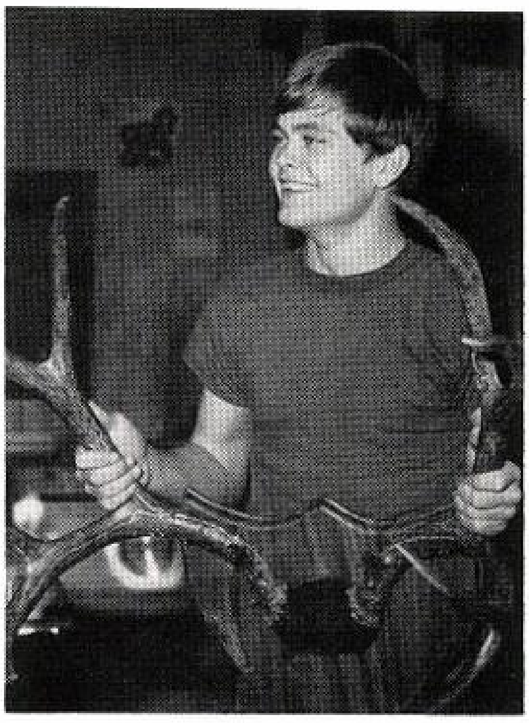
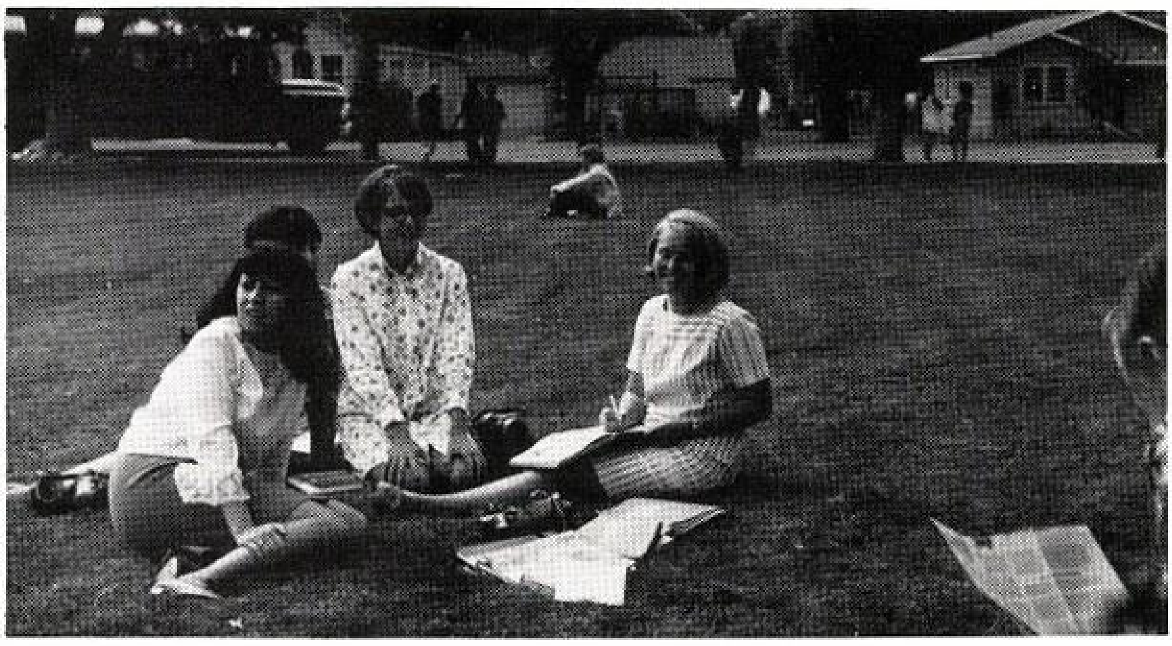


Fruita subscribed to the then-current belief that each person should practice the art of being himself, of expanding his identity. No one was surprised when rough-tough wrestler Swany Monger developed artistic skill.



School spirit dropped to an all-time low because of split sessions, but fellowship was in its apogee. Above are Gary Fitzner, Mike Lehmann, Don Bristol, John Silence, Chris Osborn, Mickey Cox.

Study halls were for writing notes; the library was for eating doughnuts, and homework was done occasionally late at night. Basking in the luxury of friendship, right, are Elly Rodriguez, Marie Rodriguez, Pam Fortik, Susan Kettle and Steve Wassam, sharing Group W's grass.



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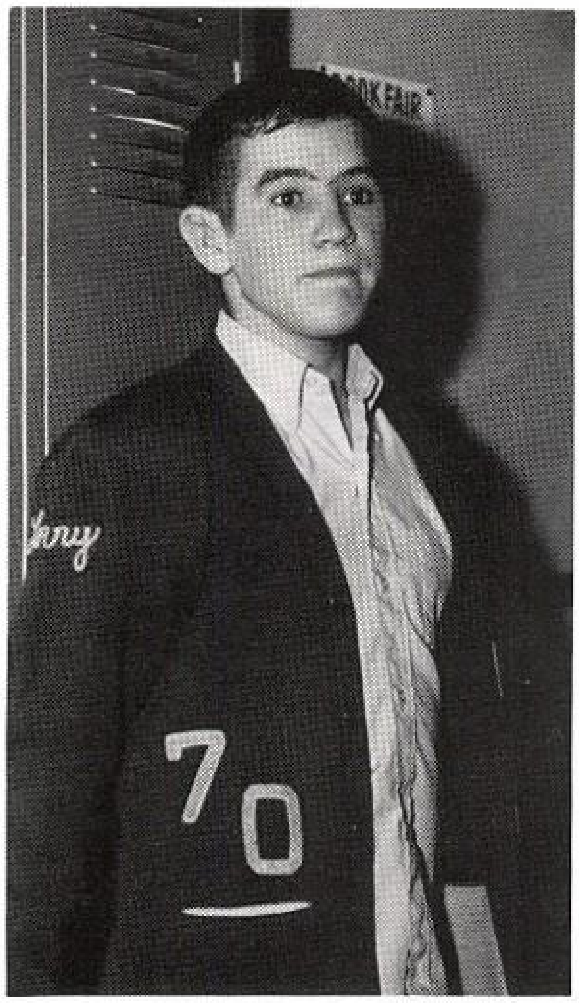
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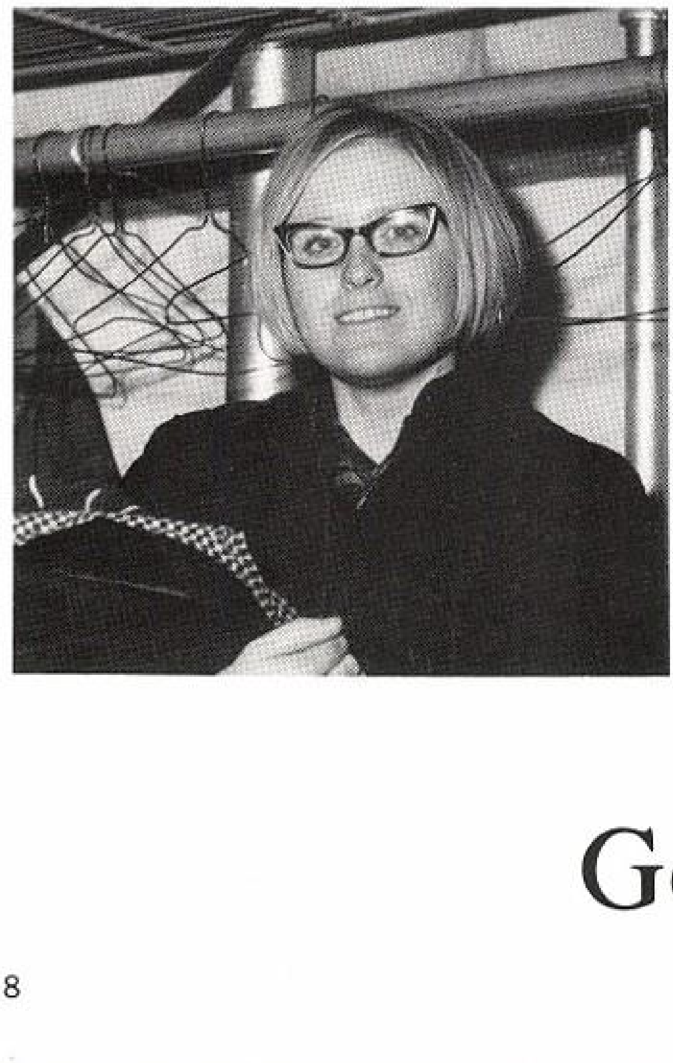
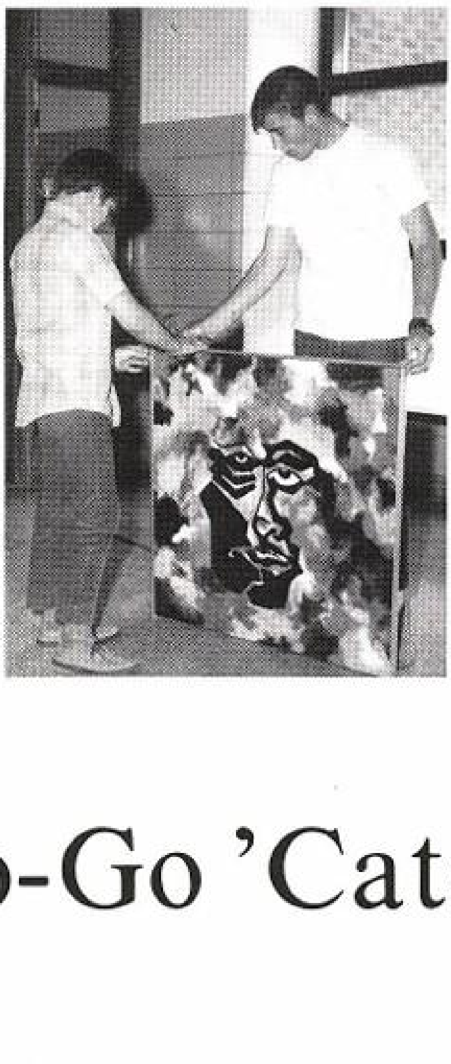
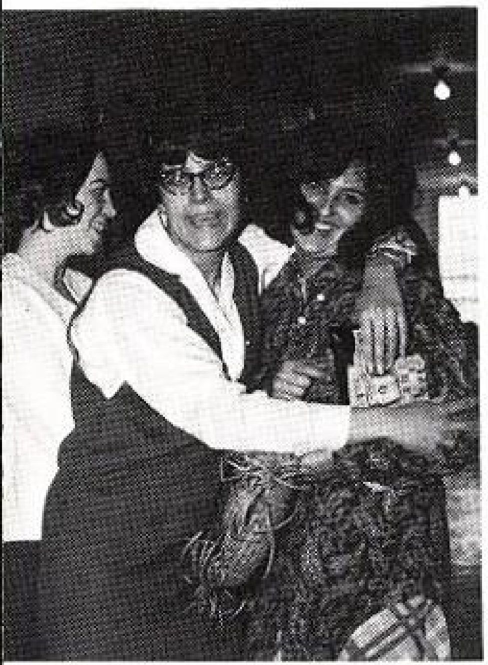
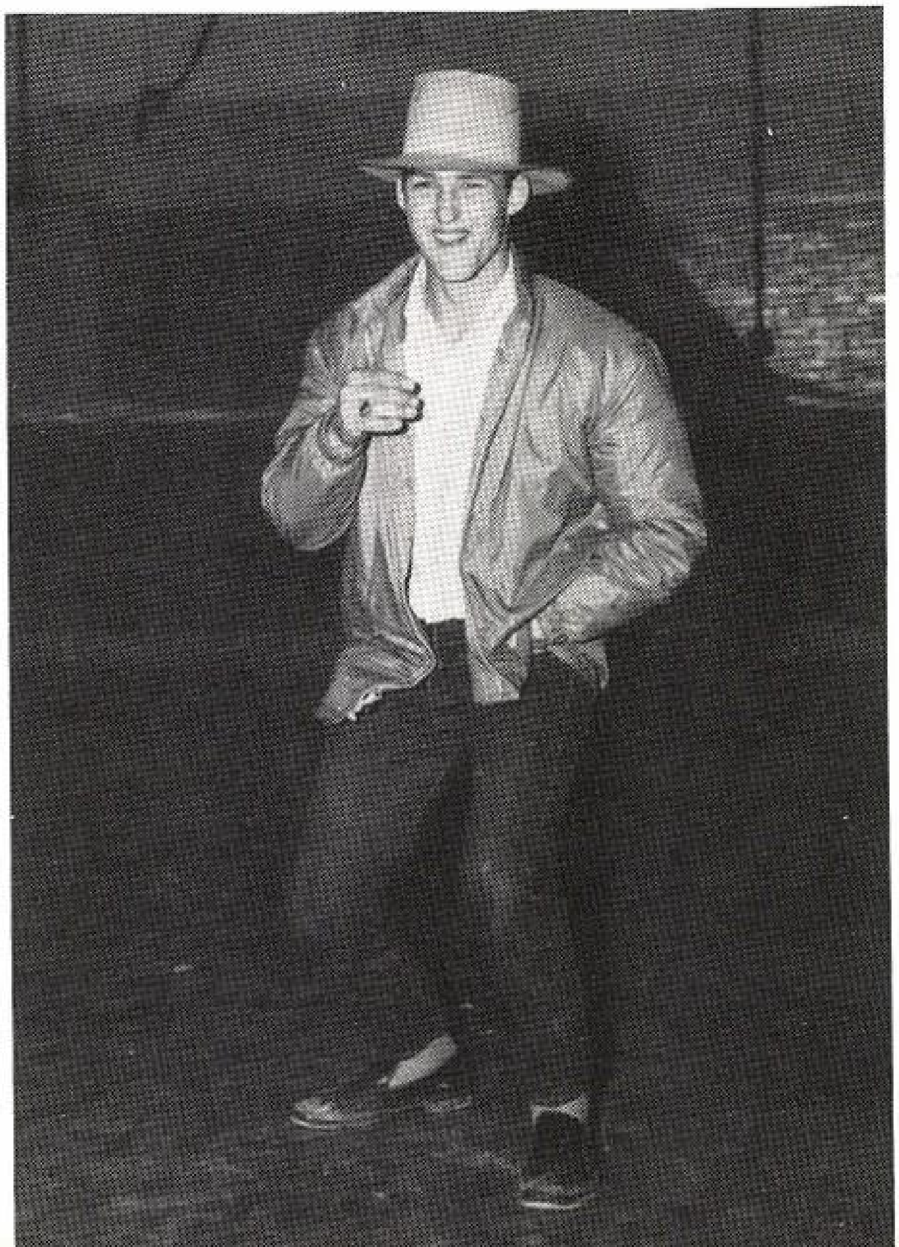




Go-Go 'Cats Lived to Drag

Shimmering, the golden days burned by, alive with a tintinnabulation of locker doors, each chiming the hour. Evening homework was lounging near an open book while shortening a skirt or combing out sideburns in time with rock sounds of *Hair, Proud Mary or The Age of Aquarius.* Those were days of gossip, of wearing a guy's ring held on with rubber bands, of starting a meal at the cafeteria, ending at the bakery. Opposite, top, are Larry Reed, Donna Raff, Patty Maluy and Mickey Cox, Byron Kelly, Jim Carlucci, Les Smith, Gary Fitzner and Duane Kiefer. Center are Bill Niehues, Mark Harris, Eddie Botkin, Dennis Hardrick, Steve Roberts, Ron Goss, Jack Blanchard, Teresa Garcia, Eva Quest, Nancy Maluy, Becky Young, Jan Bristol, Karla Buniger and Kathy Gallegos. Mr. Jack Pollock gave Kent Tompkins a sign reading, "I'm the Ding-a-ling Who Stunk Up the Science Lab." At bottom are Sharla Smith, then Ross Monger and Swany Monger with his blue-ribbon oil. At left are Les Smith, Jane Bangert, Kris Keith, Bob Davis, John Silence, Marilyn Richards, Mr. David Cromie, Debbie Petross, Twila Campion, Judy LaMar, Pam Fortik, Julie Brown, Tami Jaeger, Paulie Fugate, Lillie Jacquez, Danny Hoback, Joe Beckstein, Patti Combs, Cheryl Lorimer and Marty Wells. Below are Mariam Mosher, Marilyn Richards, Costa Watson, Roger White, Rhondy Groves and Stan Koziol.



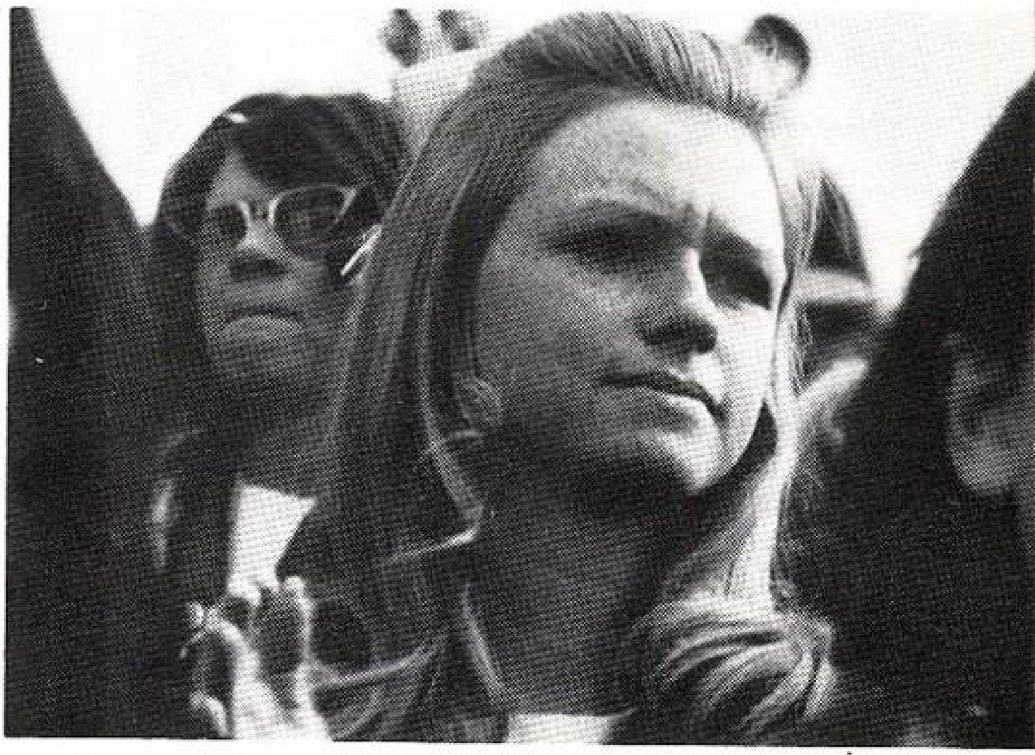


North Avenue

Happiness Was A Warm Bus,

A Hot Meal And Friends

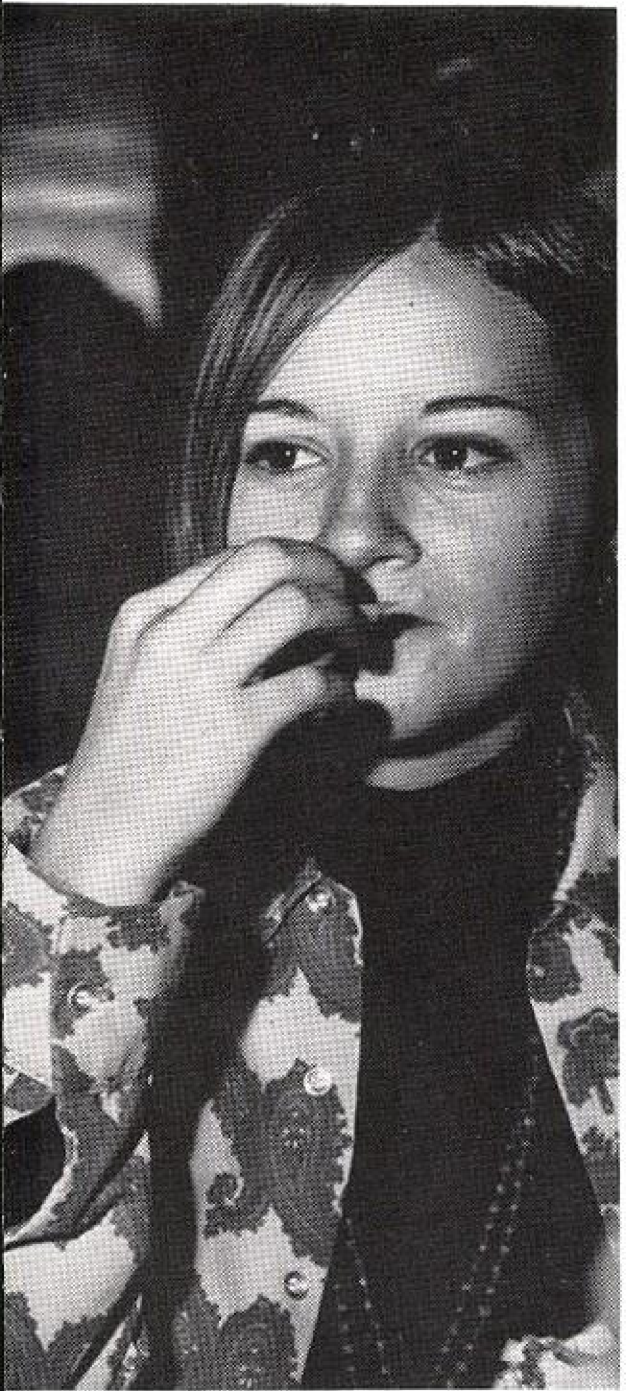
A shadow of concern worried Della Rich, below; Wildcat grid aces threatened Meeker throughout first-half play, but slowed visibly during quarters three and four. As the sun slanted sharply over a snowcrested field, fans like Della and Linda Watkins faced up to a loss.



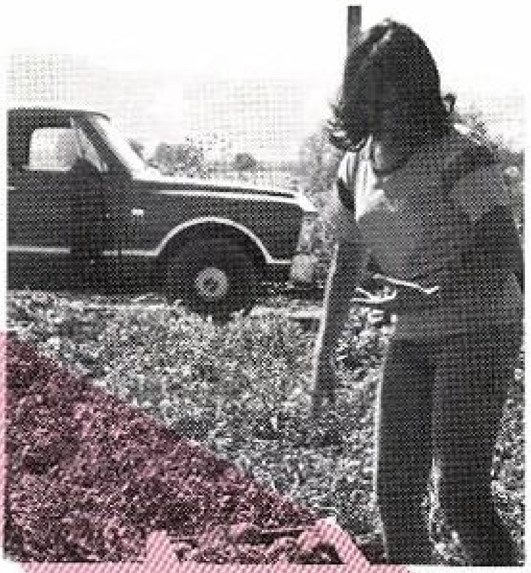
Spirits were sun-high, laughter loud as Fruita motored toward a showdown with the Meeker mavericks. Linda Davis and Paula Kochevar chuckled at Jeanne Heiny's wild antics, above. Later, after the fray, Lyn Cronk and Marty Wells gobbled chow, right.

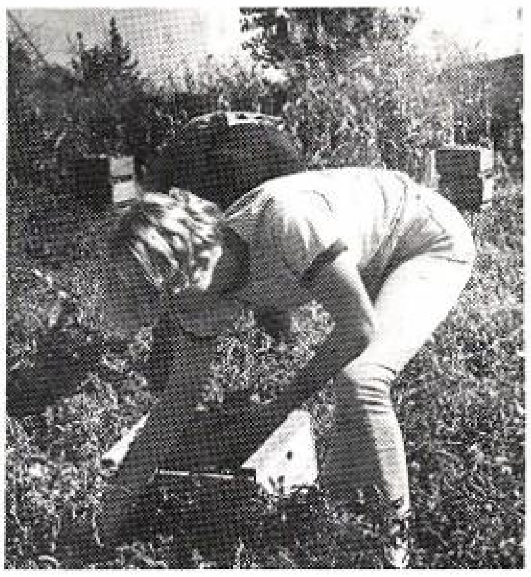
Primed for a November 9 victory and a second shot at a Colorado crown, 'Cat boosters were jubilant. Most of Fruita was on hand at Meeker to grind out a vocal chorus of shrill support, but a Wildcat win eluded Coach Gerald Zybura's splendid team. Mud-caked tennis shoes, frost-bitten knuckles, red ears and a splash of tears were bundled aboard the buses for a long, long ride home. Fruita's dream of another gridiron heyday was short by eight big points. The sadness was fleeting. Wrestling and basketball had begun; a new cheer would be heard in time.

Curler-topped pepster Janet Rowe hugged her box of crackers and twittered gaily as the Pep Club bus raced toward Meeker. Troubadour Nancy Maluy, right, put on a more somber face while Joe Jones, along with Barbara Hickman, told tall tales.



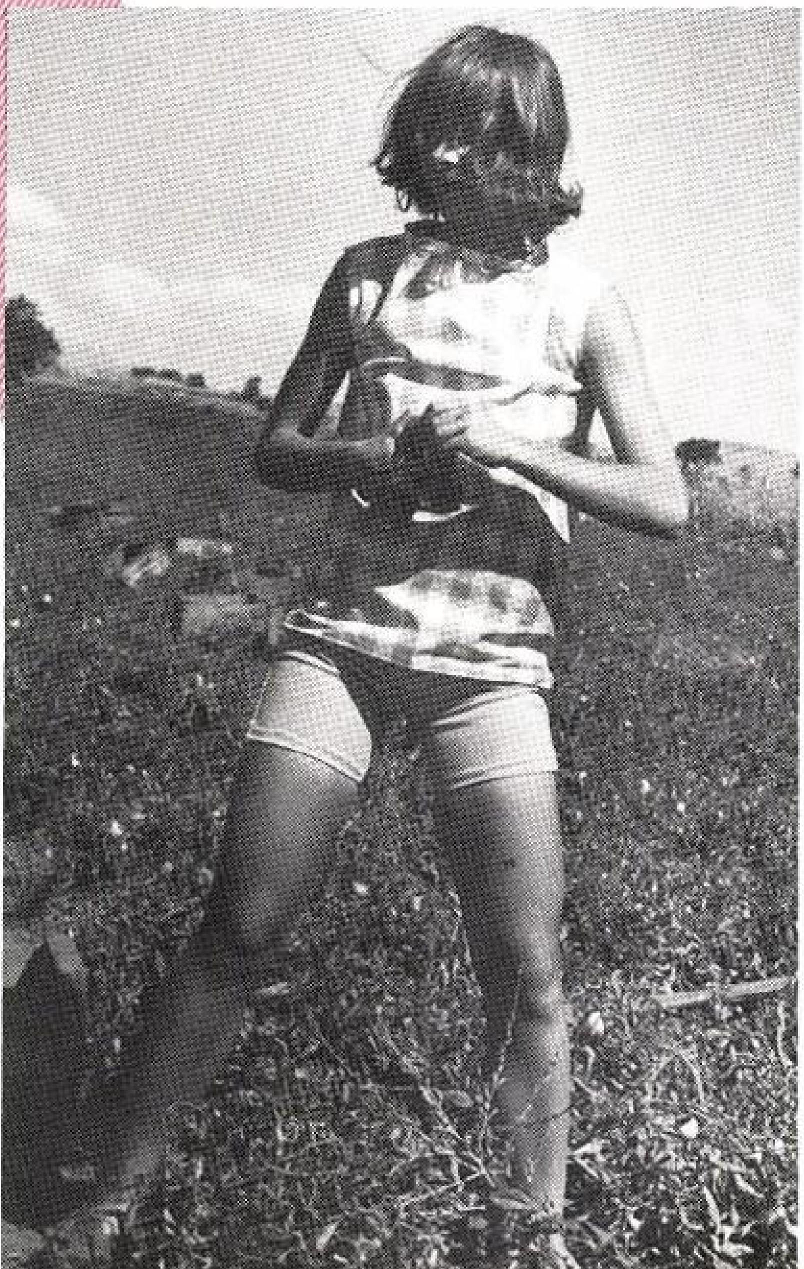
In the process of taking inventory — first of self and then of class coffers — both juniors and senior pacesetters found they were up-tight over a lack of long green and likely to land in the red at year's end. In the fall, before class togetherness dissolved, prom-builders and would-be graduates turned out in scarecrow clothes to pick tomatoes. Below are Priscilla Serrano and Judy LaMar.

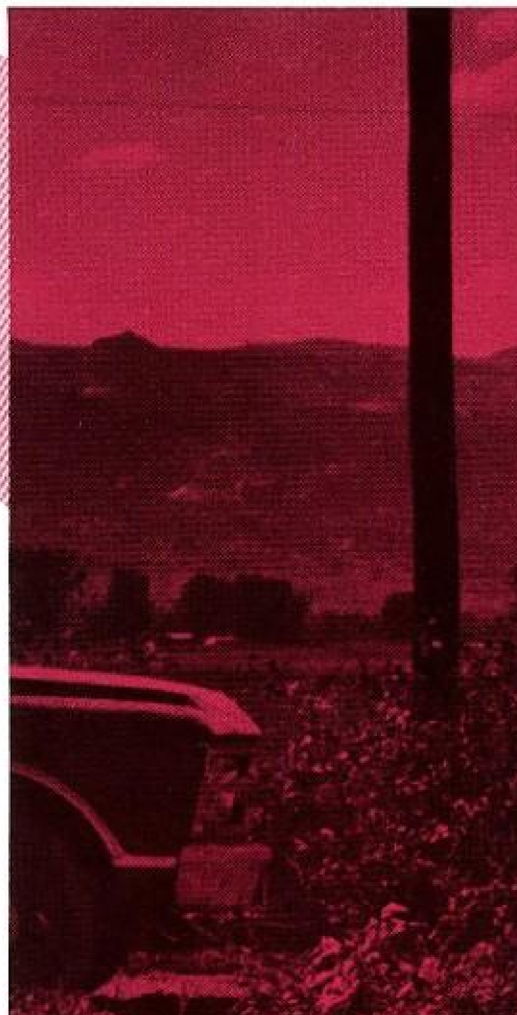




Joshing in the patch went hand-in-hand with conversations unlimited as blistering hours in the sun became longer and longer. Below senior Larry Stutler strikes a supervisory stance before a trio of posteriors bending into the task with studied grace.

Head Girl Jackie Guccini led juniors up the tomato-red rainbow which went finally, to Camelot. Even with their loot from tomato-picking, car-washes and other activities, juniors were hard-pressed to spring for the formal affair until the very end. But the prom was a tremendous success.





Cheerleader Sheila Sewell, with energy to spare, took time-out, right, to see whether everyone else was working. Sometimes it was difficult to tell.

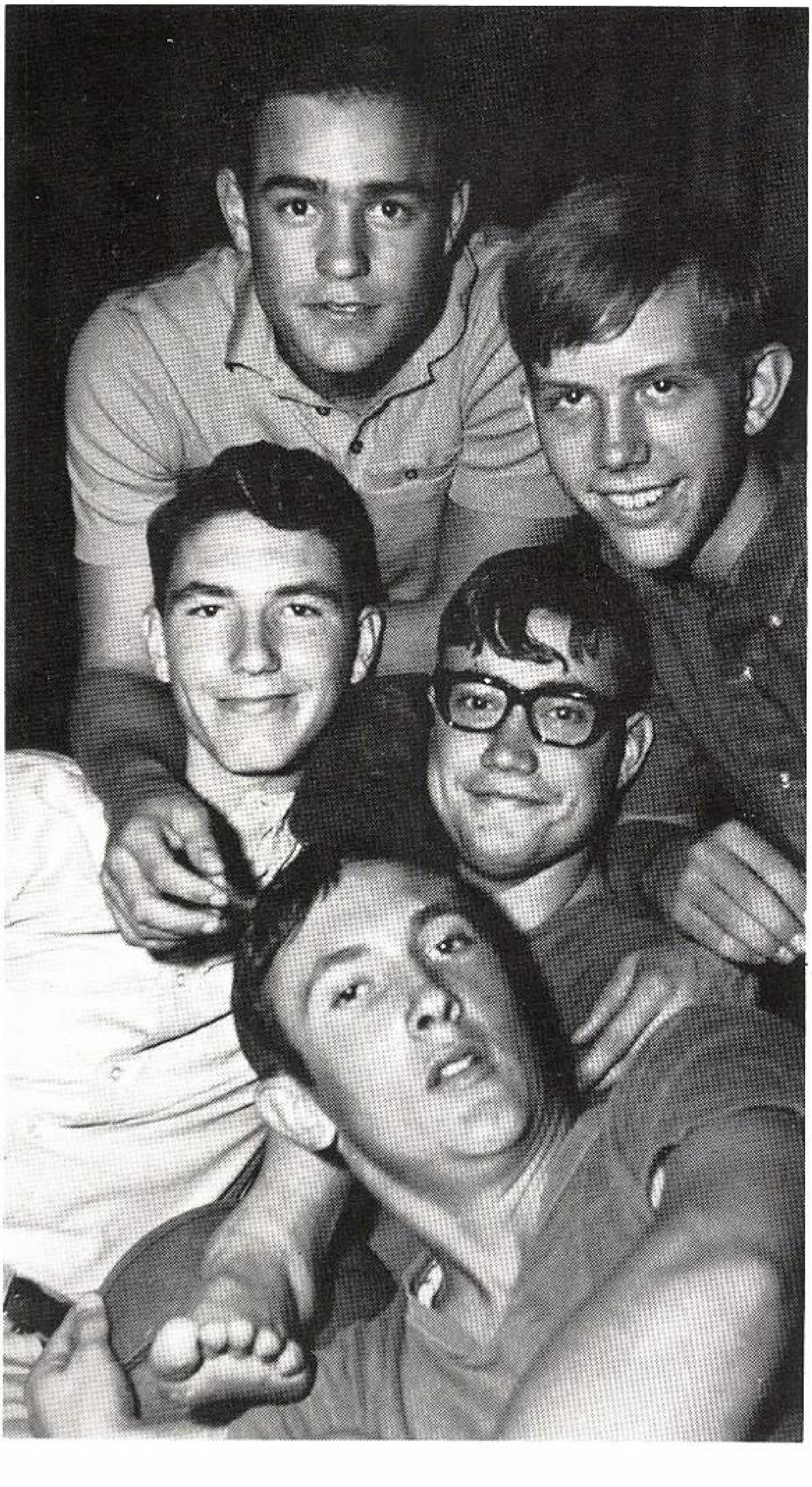
Seniors voiced a determination to take the traditional trip to anyplace but back to class, so they dreamed of money, too. Their exciting carbash brought in $1.65; Sucker Day did better, with a tote of $40. At bottom are seniors Carol Fry and Ernie Boswell with junior Judy LaMar. Below are juniors Karen Kohls, Debbie Petross and Tom Sommerville following a dream to prom time.

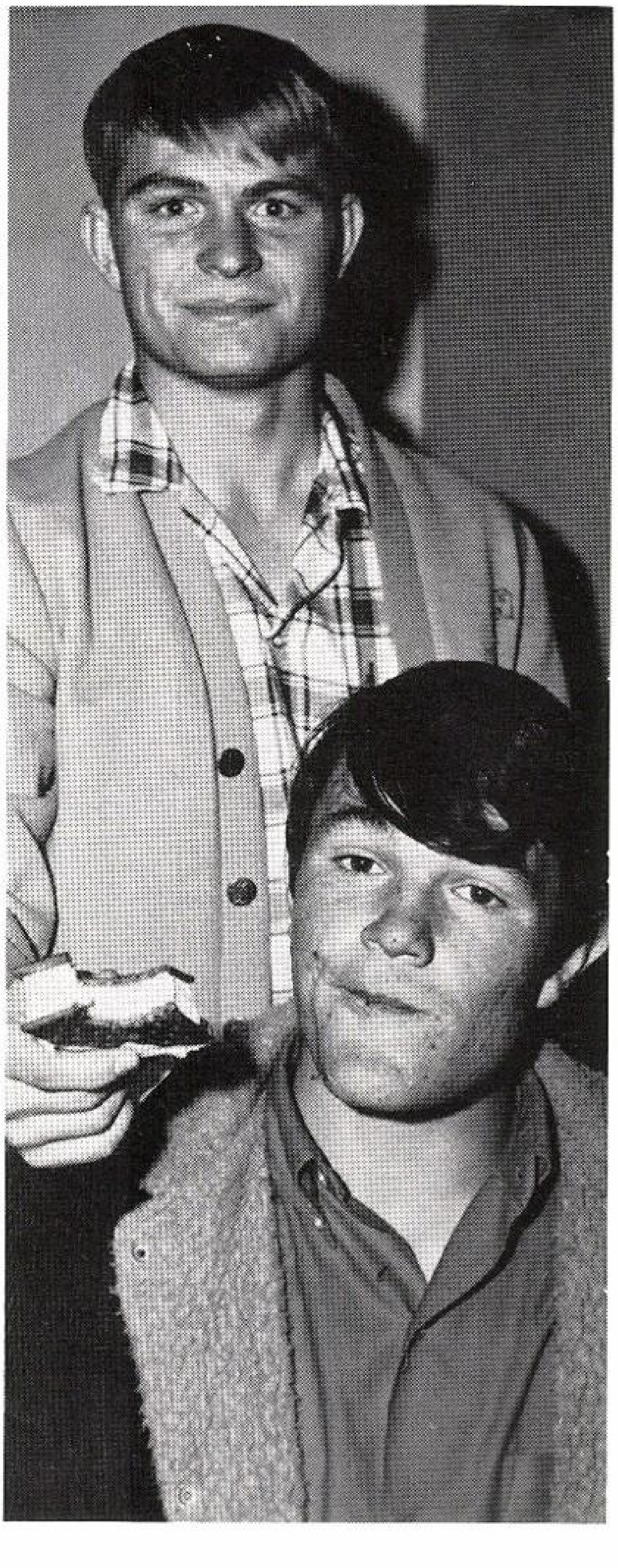
Mike Koenig, Roger Mackey and Don Bristol, left, worked around Lary Stutler who was still in his supervisory position. Below are Gail Hampton, Mary Kay Mogenson and senior Glenn Erkman on a break.

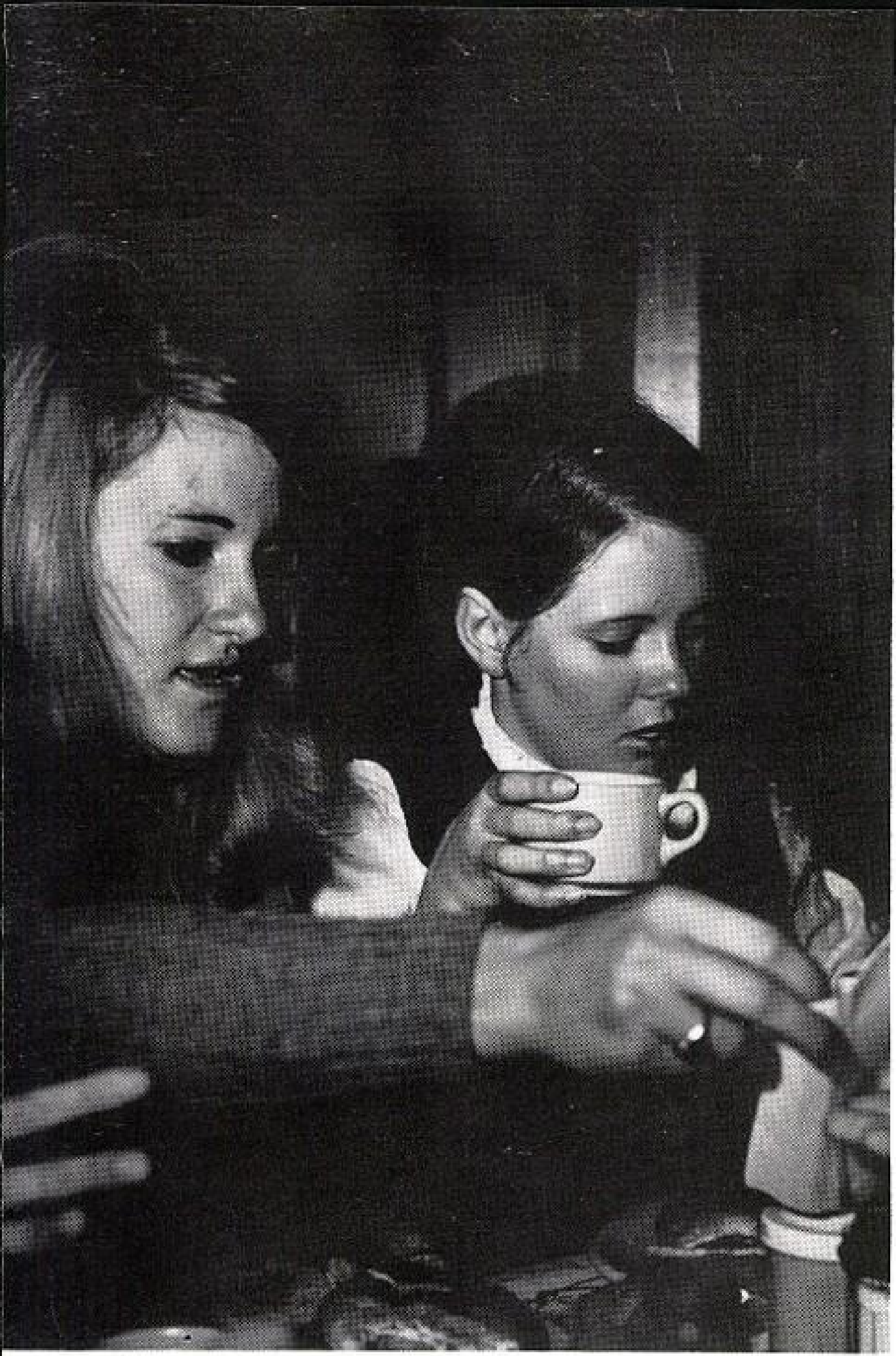
A Persistent Vision of Money Built Camelot

Hairy Guys in Turtlenecks, Gals in Scarves Turned On

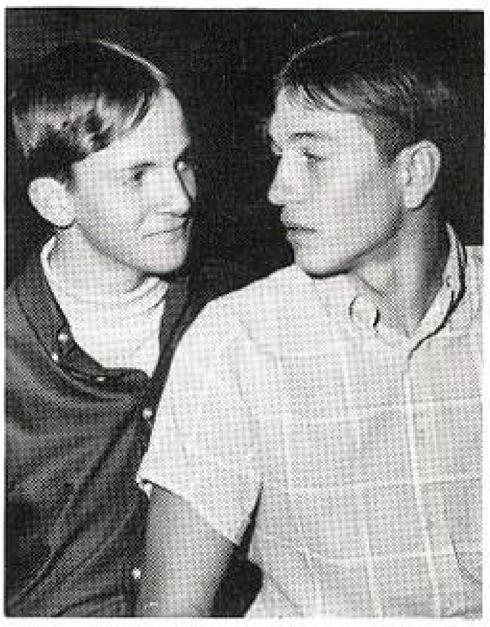
Rakish student councilmen each night at 3:05 flung wide the gates to Paradise where honeydew was not their bag, but soggy ice-cream sandwiches turned-on famished 'Cats, transporting them to heights of ecstatic rapture. Ernie Boswell, below, shared his tid-bit with Eddie Botkin whose elfin grin expressed his absolute sublimity after seven gruelling periods humping books. Wildcats, notorious among the hollow-leg crowd, often sprawled out in some booth for a light, after-the-game snack of pancakes, coffee, popcorn, a Coke, some pizza, a few tacos, an order of onion rings and a sack of French fries — prior to any serious eating. Wayne Schafer, below, left, tried to put his best foot forward, but Verlan Goss, Ken Blanchard, Dennis Price and Danny Sullivan sensed that doing one's thing had its hang-ups, too.

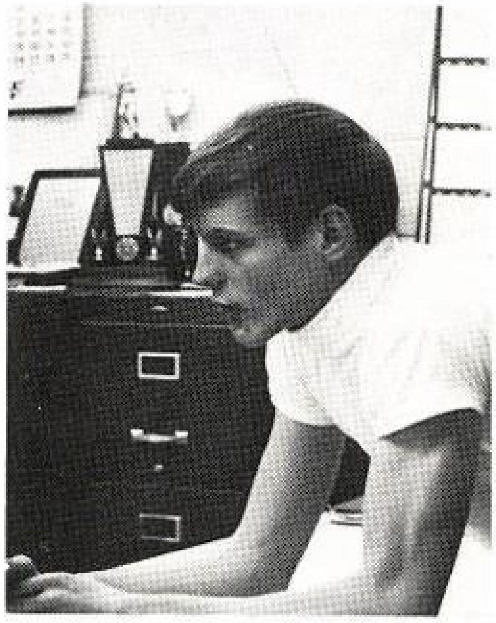


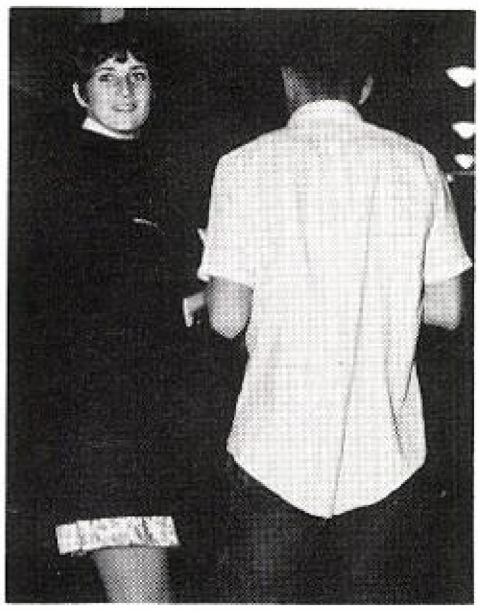


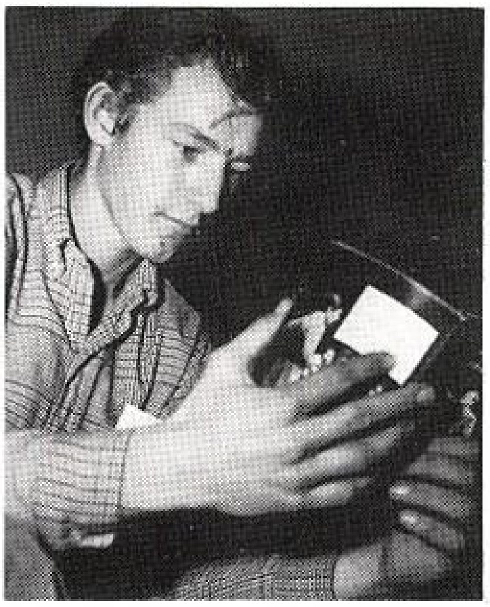


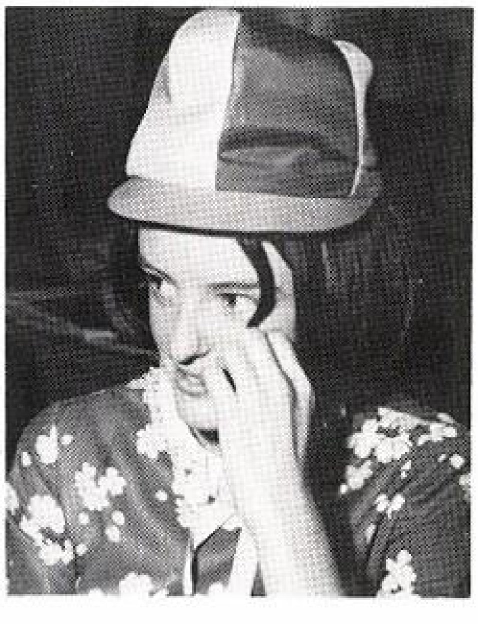
An urgent case of rampant Hungries gripped twirler Donna Raff and banner girl Carol Fry, left, homeward bound from Fruita's valiant AA quarter-final football scramble at Meeker in late Autumn. Too numb with chill for a midnight rendezvous at the Coachman's Inn or Shakey's Pizza Parlor, the girls heard *The Call of the Hamburger* just outside Meeker. Below are Larry Quimby and Joe Jones, then Jim Bennetts. Mrs. Pat Collister, middle, left, paces a girls' gym class; Nancy Maluy and Kris Keith roam the halls while Philllip Serve studies a *Hyman Kaplan* script, and Patti Combs blows her cool at a 'Cat nip. Bottom, left, Lonnie Smith, another avid gourmand, digs in; Karen Stanton waits to give her French monologue and Tim Arpke hoses a heap. Pooch Jeffrey teases gridders.

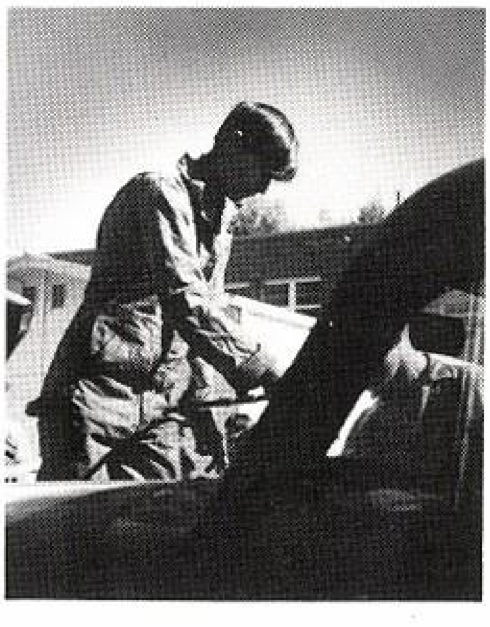


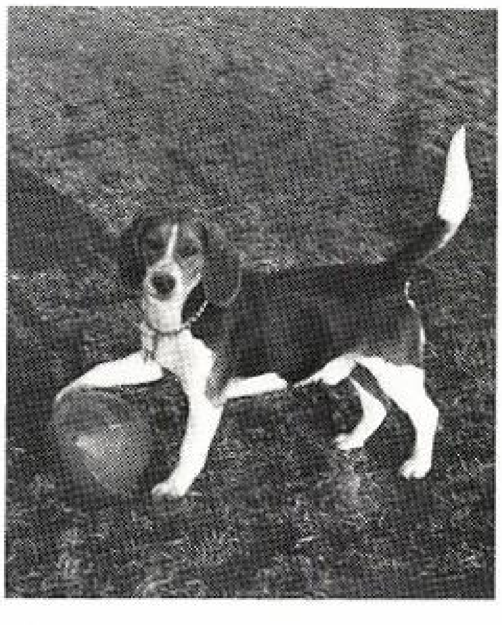


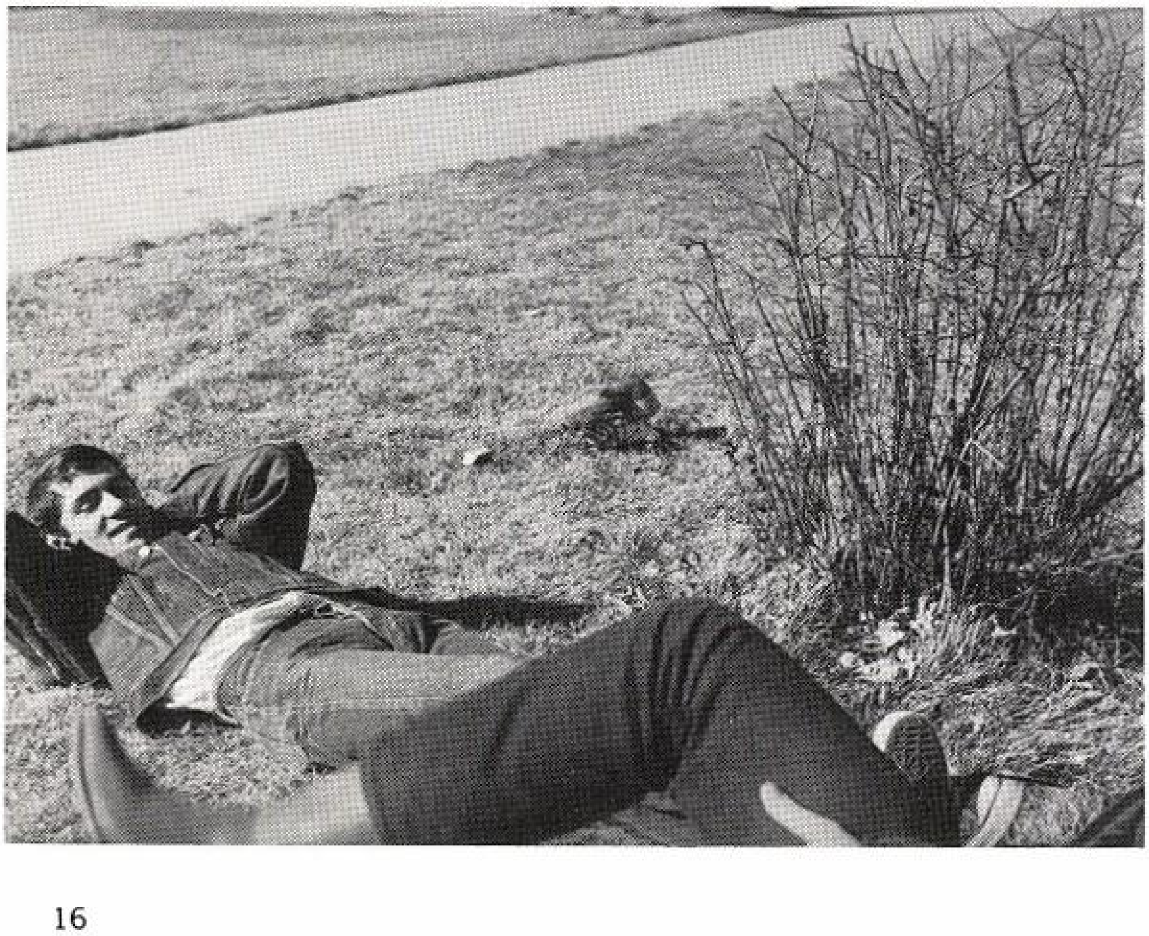










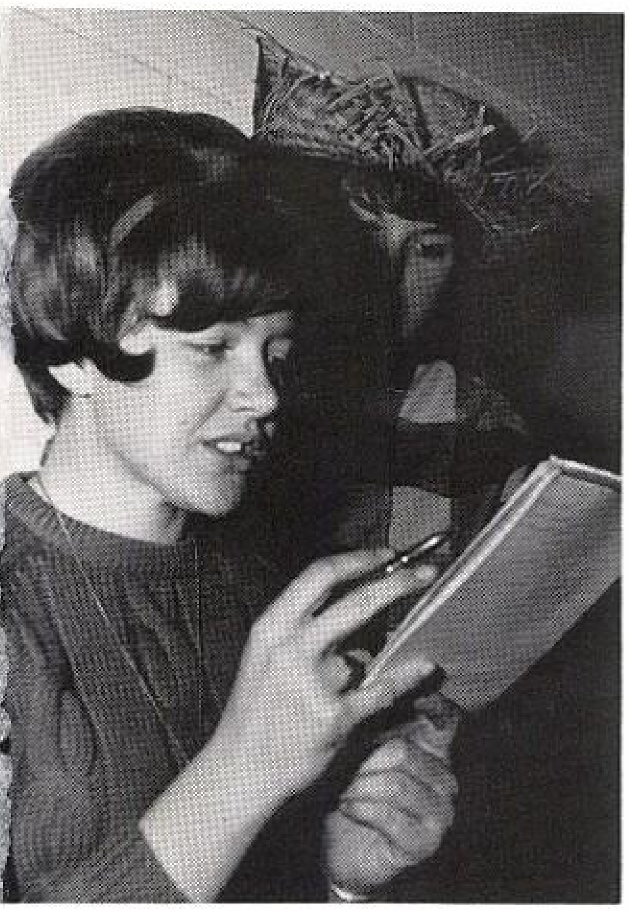


Grooving 'Cats blasted into a way-out orbit of their own in '69 — year of the Apollos. Boosted by such high-velocity phrases as, “Sock it to 'em!” (shudder) or “You say what?” and the powerful rejoinder: “Whatever turns you on,” gals and guys made the scene keen. And just in case anyone forgot all the best retorts, “Cats carved the hallowed hallmarks of '69 graffiti-style on desk tops, book covers and inside locker doors next to the op art glued there. It was a wild, Wildcat world! While class barriers crumbled on the tomato field, rock tempos broke the sound barrier and animated antics from the Group W Grass to water-fountain parleys featured girls in curls, guys in western-style boots clomping down the halls. “In” people wore red, white, blue or yellow fashions — or in the case of a Gene Shaw, all four at once. Junior class rings arrived about the time Glen Campbell got to Phoenix, but '69's biggest kick was piling seven or eight people into one heap to sit there just laughing. What a scream! Each morning Mr. Marion Littlepage stormed into the hall where a cluster of chattering 'Cats held court, and he shouted for QUIET! “Cats knew the day was 'Go.'

All the Universe Spun Around Waddell's Lot

Just Us featuring Dennis Retherford, Jeanne Heiny, Gene Shaw and Mickey Cox, left, top, entertained at the prom, the Quarterback Club banquet and at other highlights of the year. The Fruita Teen Center, middle, left, was big in '69, too; And, Tim Tomlinson, bottom, left, kept Wildcats smiling.

Opposite, top, are Faye Kelley and Janet Siddens during Thespian initiation day; a junior class meeting to select diploma styles; Diane Hull at a pep rally. Middle Row: Larry Watson, Nathan Warner and Jerry Wilson, then Linda Benson and Patty Crespin. At bottom, Neta Young, Tom Cronk and Marilyn Richards cutting up once again.



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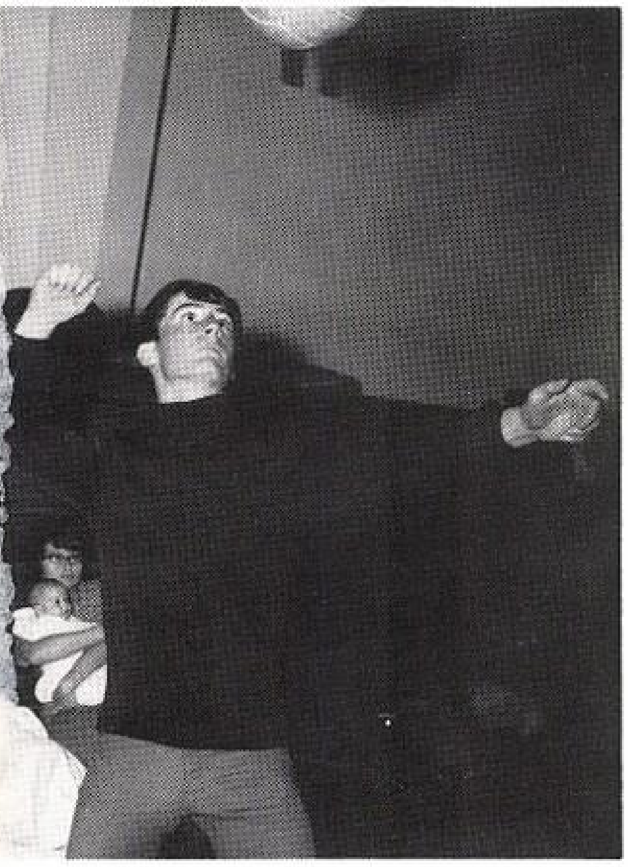
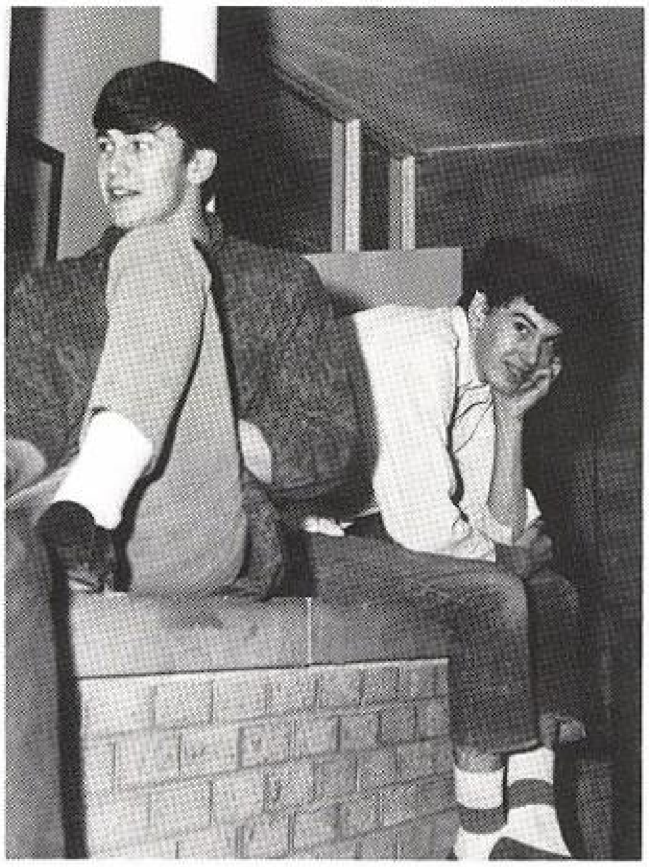
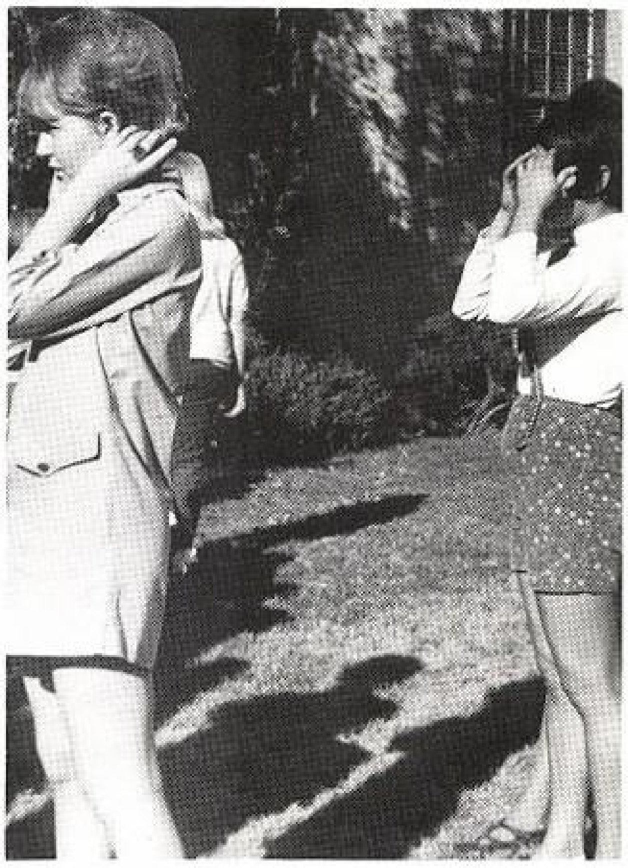
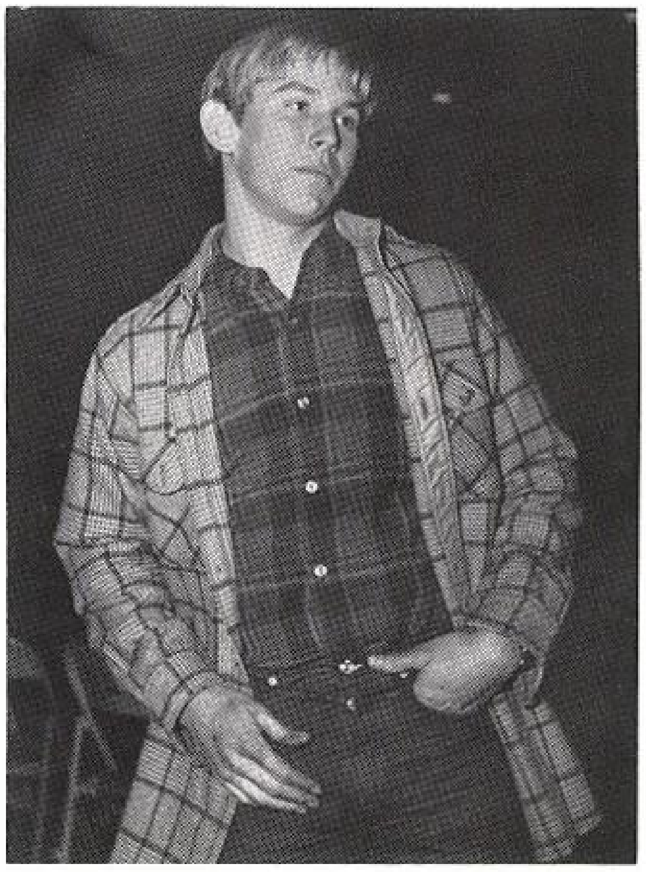


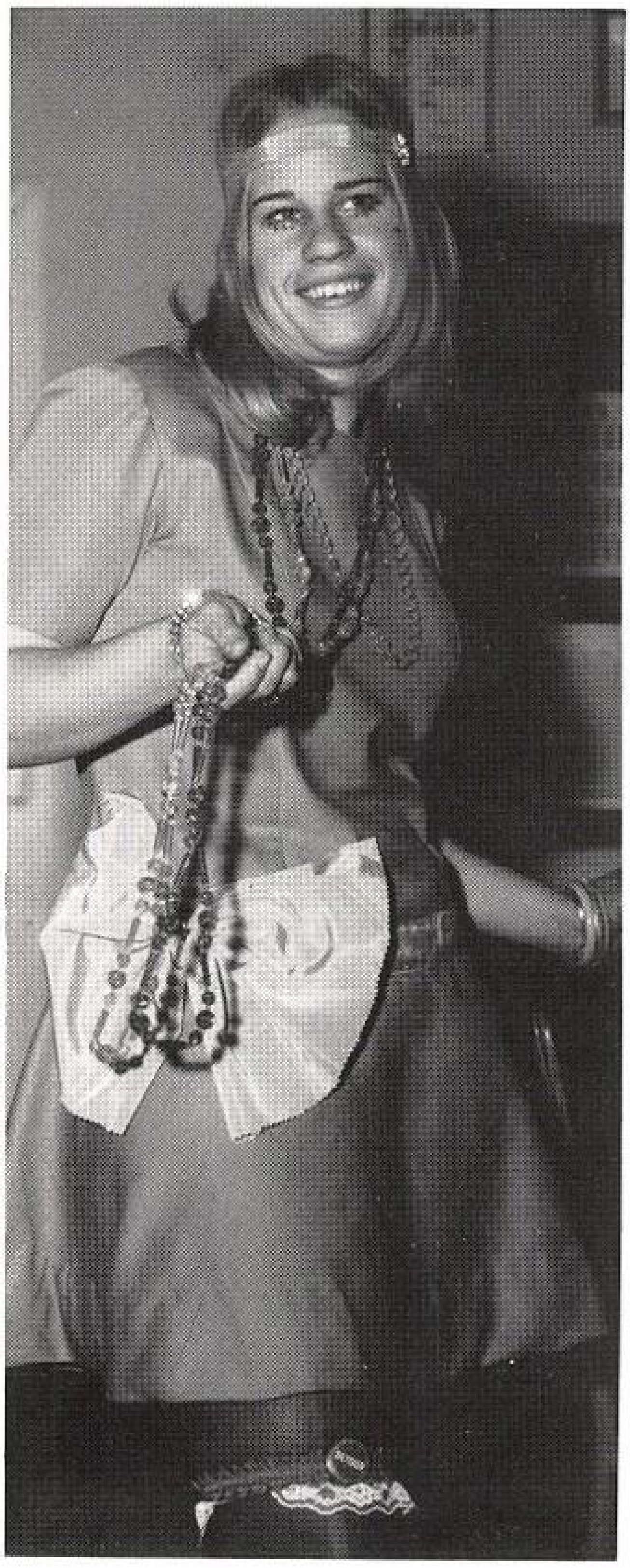


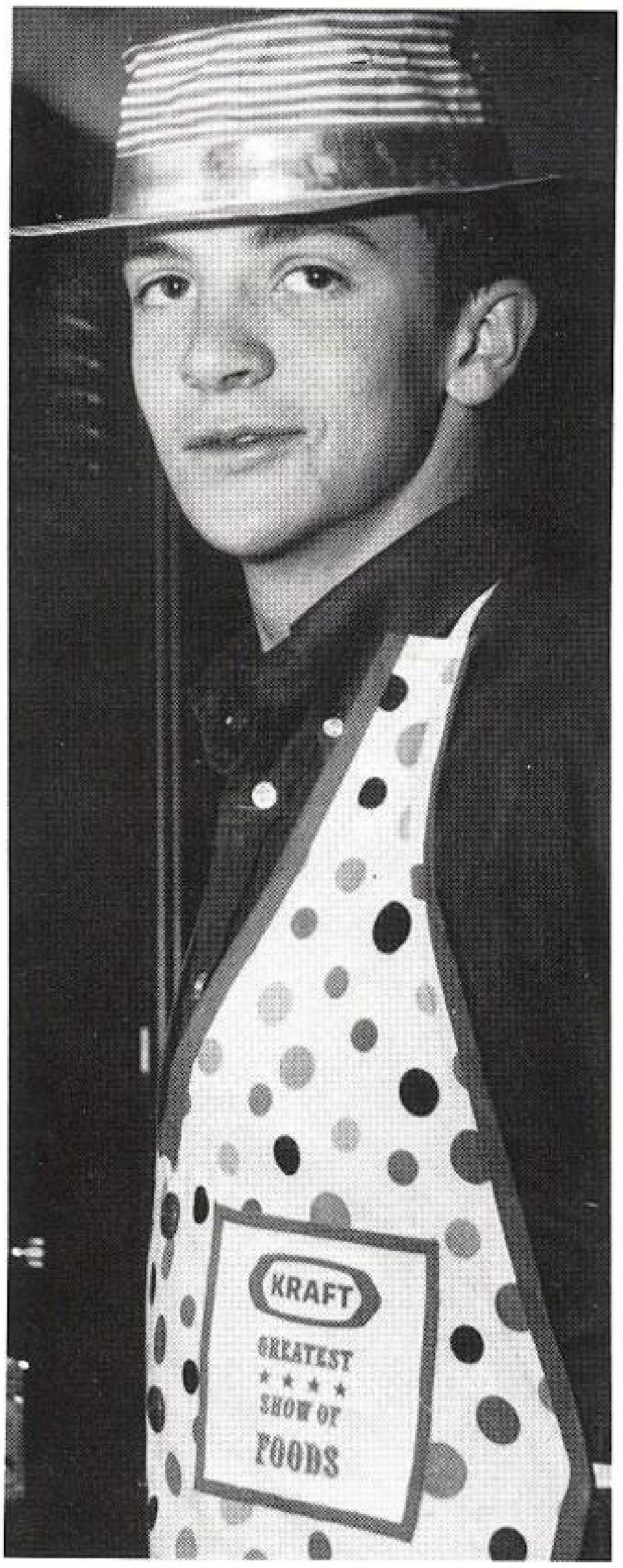


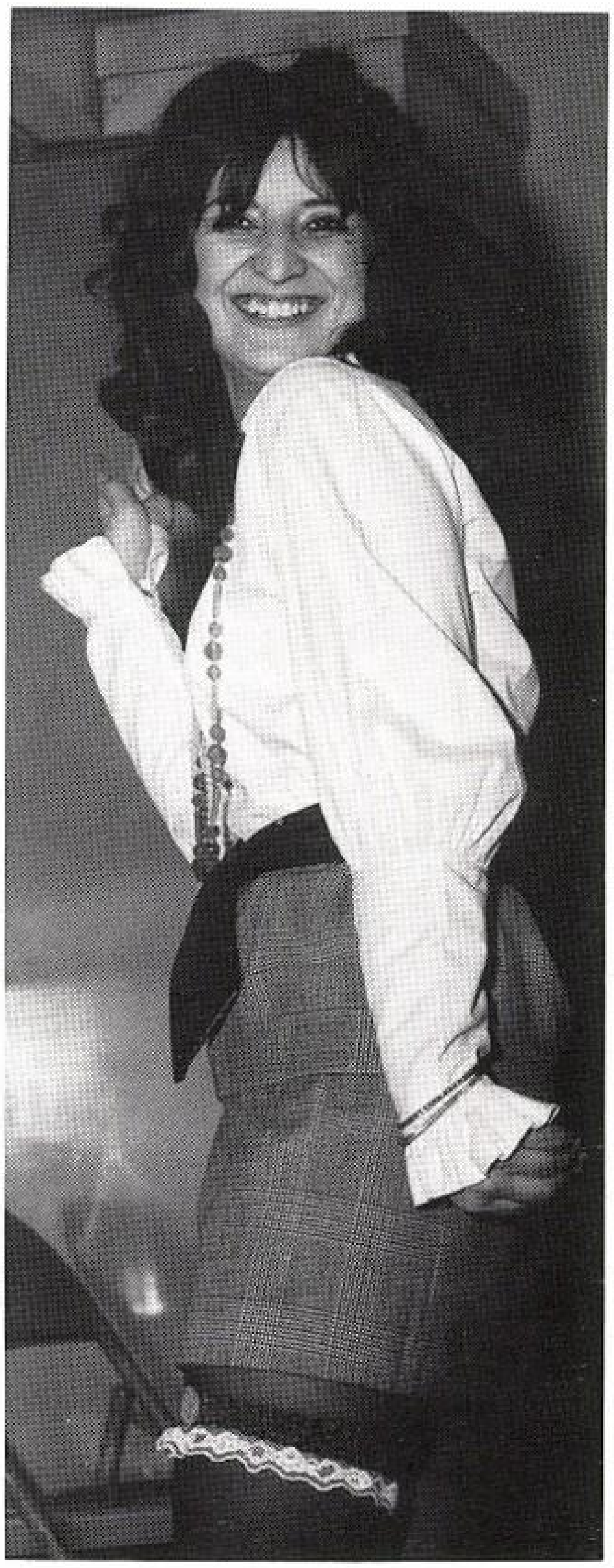


Spirit Days Set Time Back Forty Years

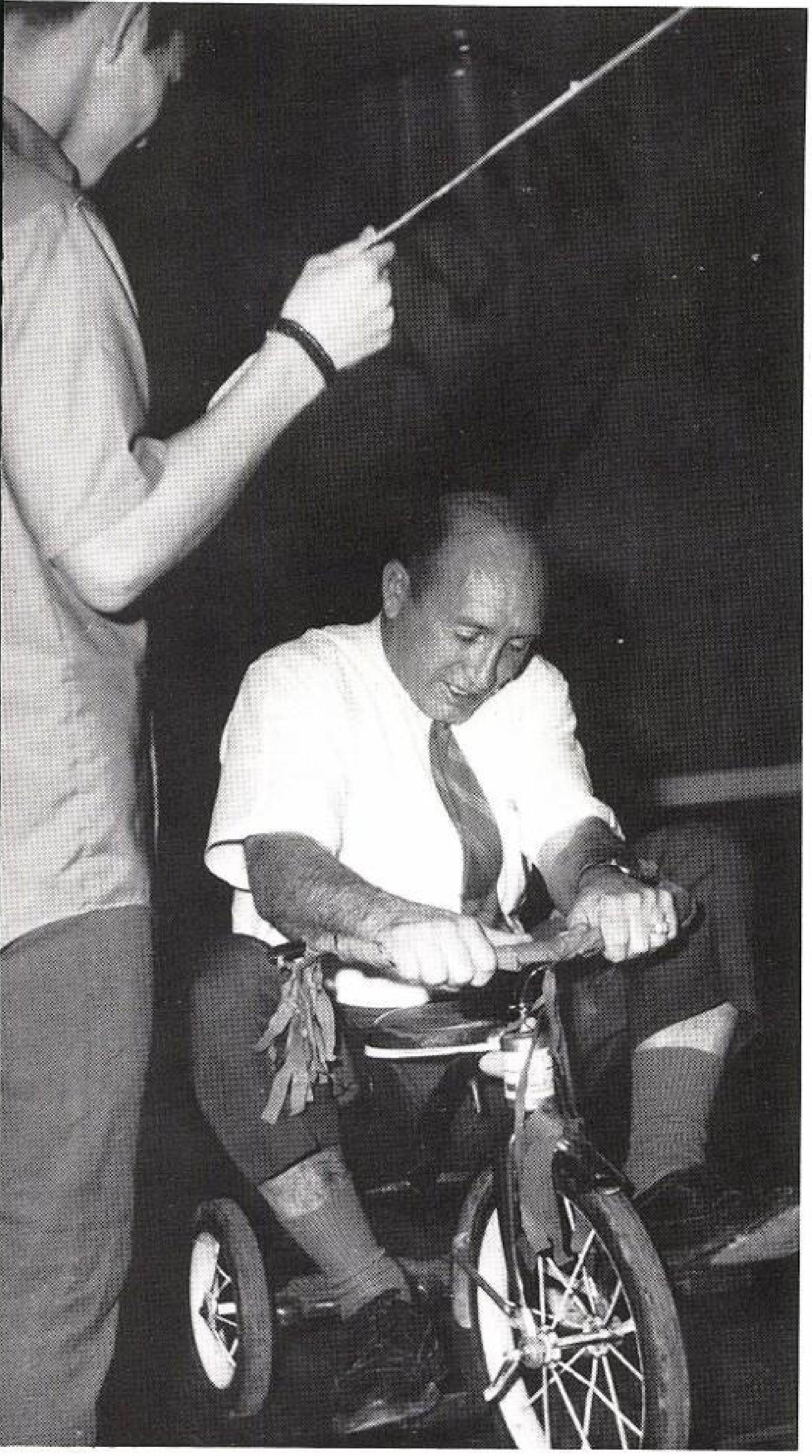
Wildcat magic turned the world into a big strawberry for Spirit Days, March 3-7. Brainchild of Fruita's bouncing basketball cheerleaders, Spirit Week bolstered flagging fans as Coach Lowry Bishop's court quintet prepared to enter district play at Mesa College. And the plan worked, for by week's end thunder rolled through the halls. On Monday jovial pranksters feigned a serious mien and took over classroom duties for some teachers. Bruce Kettle taught math, and Joe Muths conducted the band amid gales of laughter. Apeing Leonard Bernstein, Joe was a swirling tornado of arms and hair flying in all directions from the podium. In the tempest of his enthusiasm, Joe sailed his music all over the floor. Spirit soared as the great conductor crawled under and around student musicians to recover the errant sheets. Tuesday was Roaring Twenties Day. Flappers bedecked in headbands and beads hummed snatches of *The Charleston* as they followed a fur coat or a bowler hat down the hall. Kathi Buhler, Dapper Dan Larry Quimby and Joann Jacques, below, charged the atmosphere with fun. By Wednesday, the mood was mod; flower power reigned.



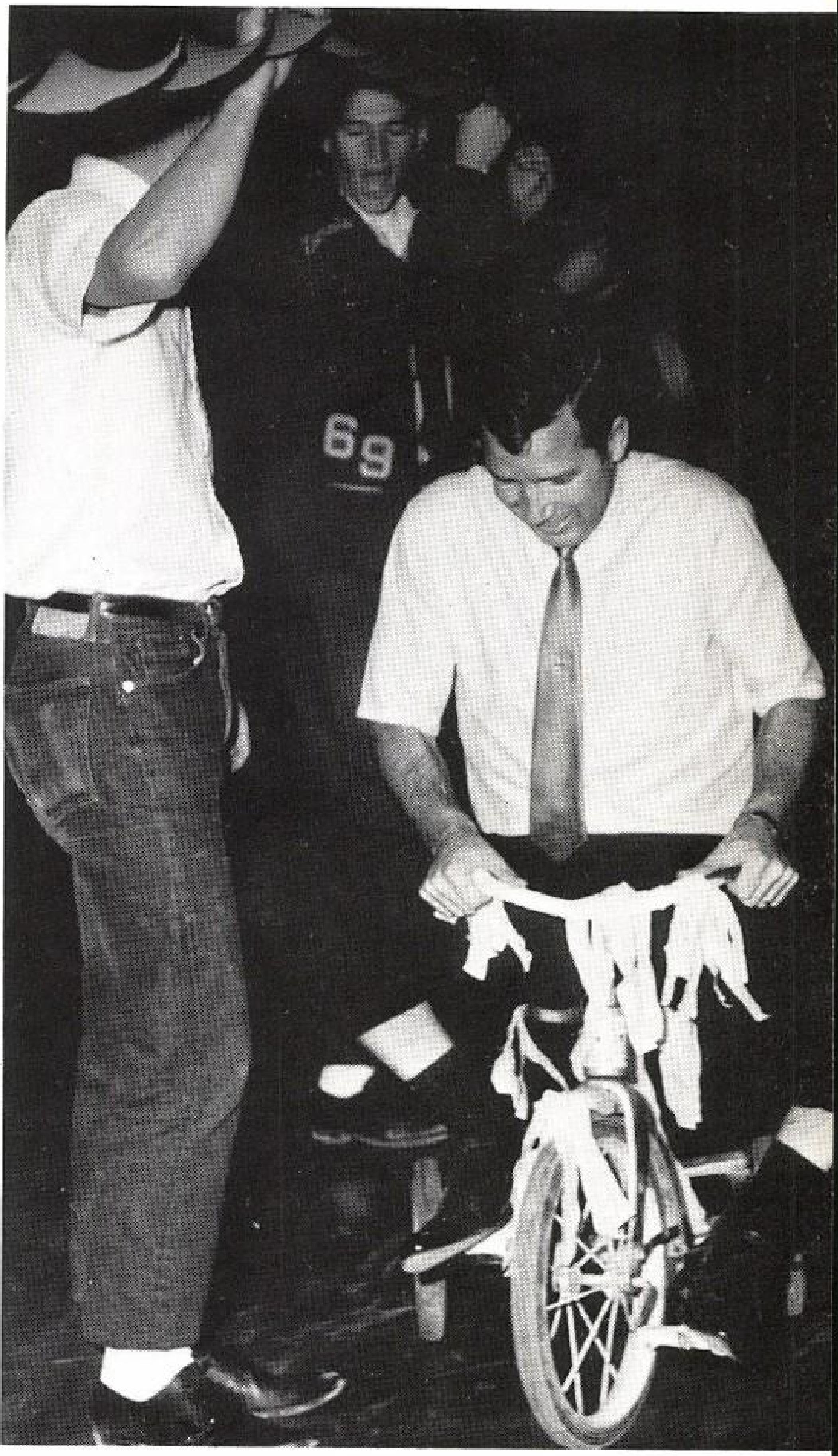




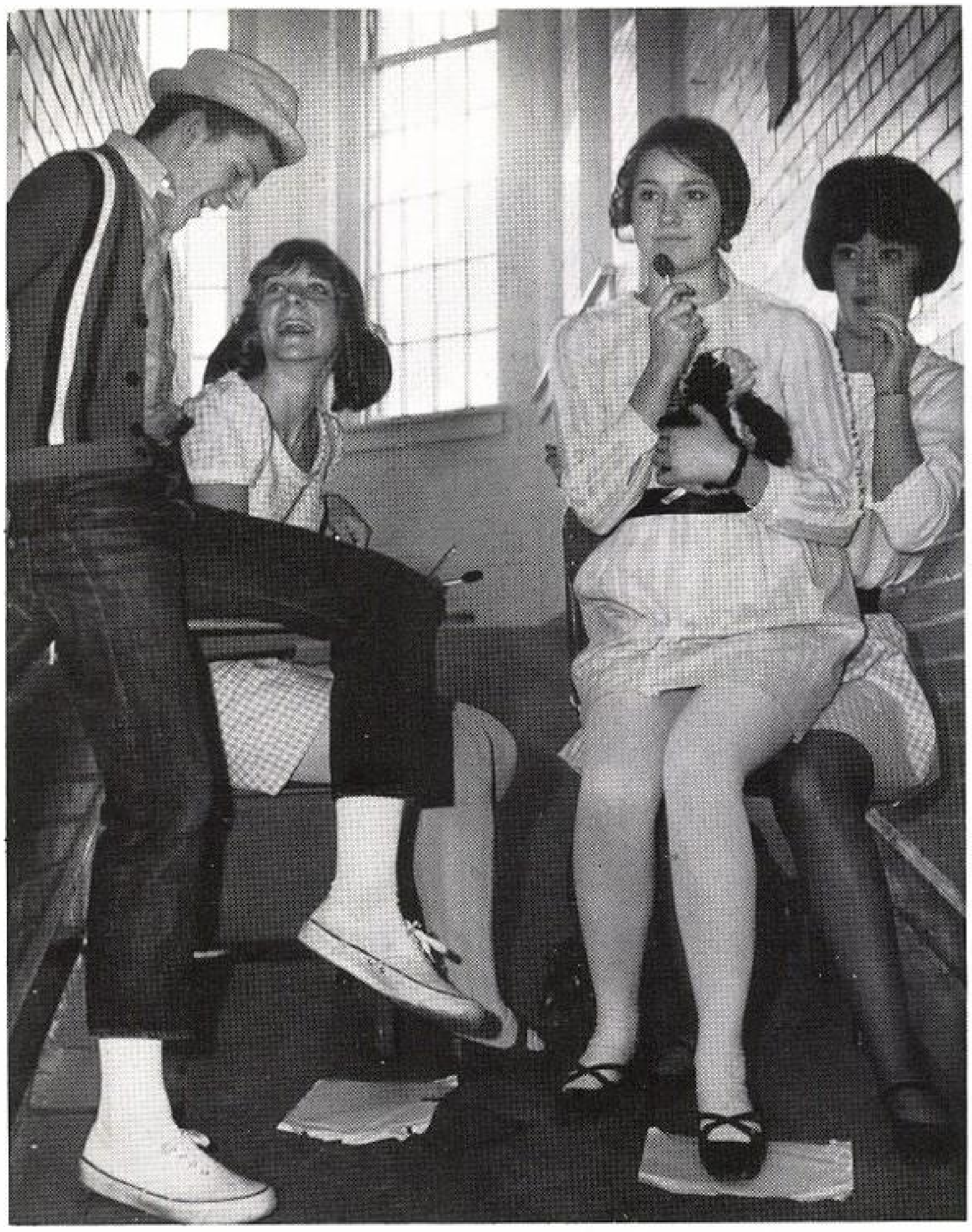
Christine Currier, along with freckled Judy LaMar and Twila Campion, applauded 'Cat cut-ups during a Thursday pep assembly. Cheerleaders convened a kangaroo court to prosecute those who had blown their cool by being spiritless.



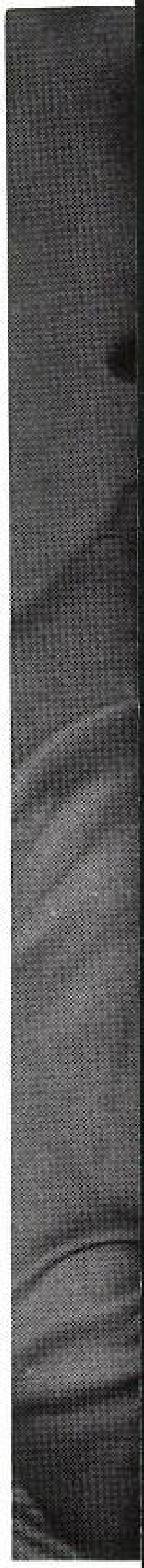
At the starting line for Fruita's Great Tricycle Race, Coach Jack Pollock gunned his engine in anticipation of the signal to rocket across the gym floor. Robbie Rooks kept both drivers behind the line until competition officially got underway.

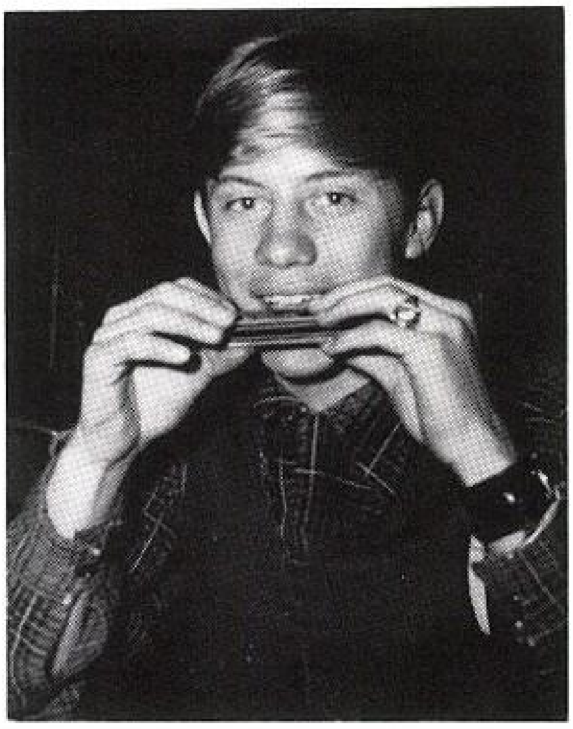


Flash Lowry Bishop crossed the finish line first to become the Fastest Coach in the West. Gearld Clawson and Wayne Schafer cheered Coach Bishop to a narrow victory over Coach Pollock who softpedaled into second place. Fans were ecstatic.

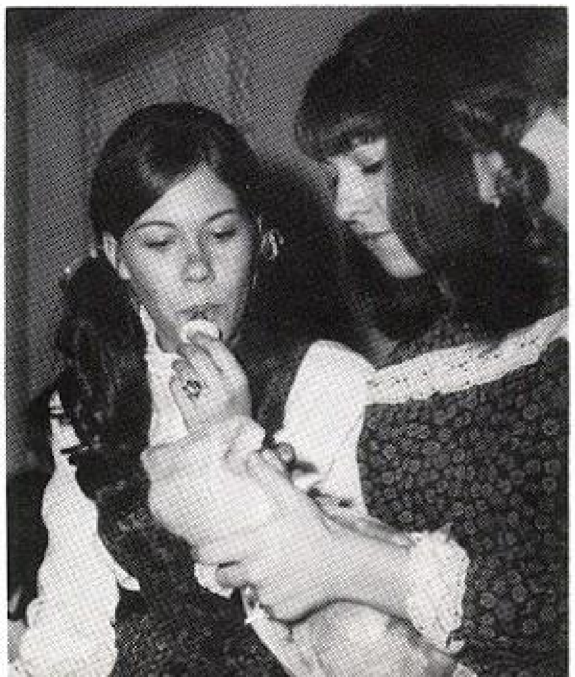


Harking back to earlier fun days, teenage toddlers clutched teddy bears and savored suckers in observance of Little Girl — Little Boy Day Thursday. Larry Quimby, Sheila Sewell, Gail Hampton and Mary Kay Mogenson joined the smiling sea of freckled faces. At right are Paula Kochevar, victim of the kangaroo court; Dale Tompkins, Carol Fry, then Pam Baker, Patti Combs, Gail Hampton.



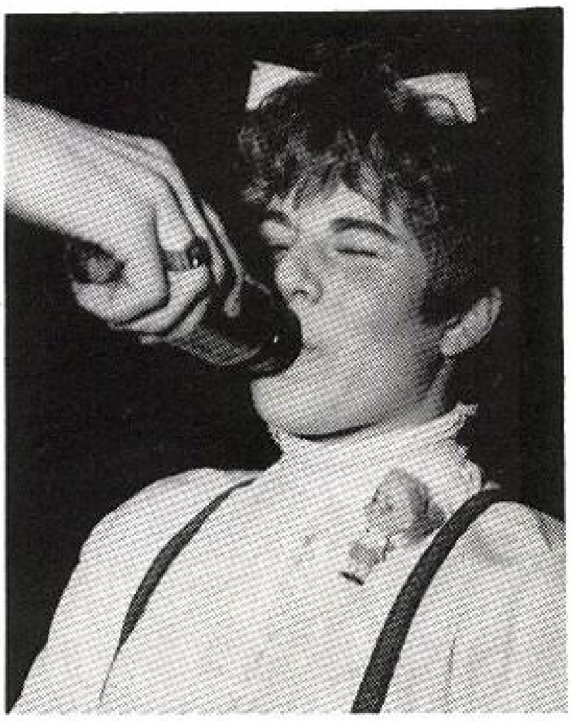


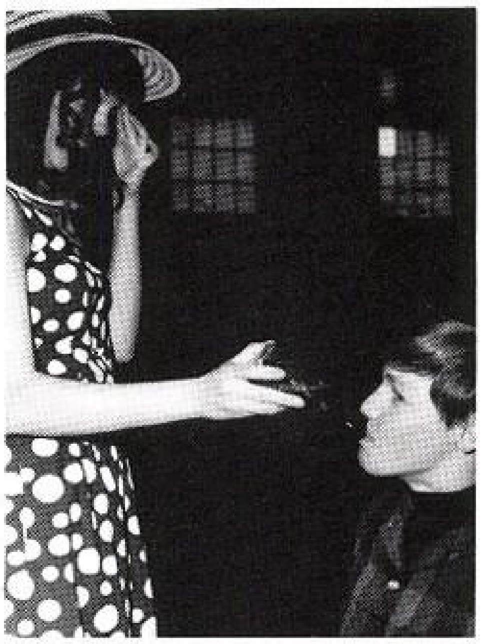
Dappled in daffodils, boistrous FHS fans were really with it by Wednesday when the campus blossomed into a paradise ablaze with flowers. Fluorescent, paper, plastic, feathered flowers grew on shoes and in hair-dos, on arms, legs, faces and on clothes. Nearly everyone sported flowery art in keeping with the edict to make Wednesday Flower Day. Three days of sunshine favored Spirit Week — then it snowed. White fluff hung heavy in the trees, and hearts were heavy, too, for a moment. Marie Hartman grinned, exposing her blackened tooth, and FHS continued the spirit explosion. Coach Lowry Bishop thanked Wildcats for the week-long rally.



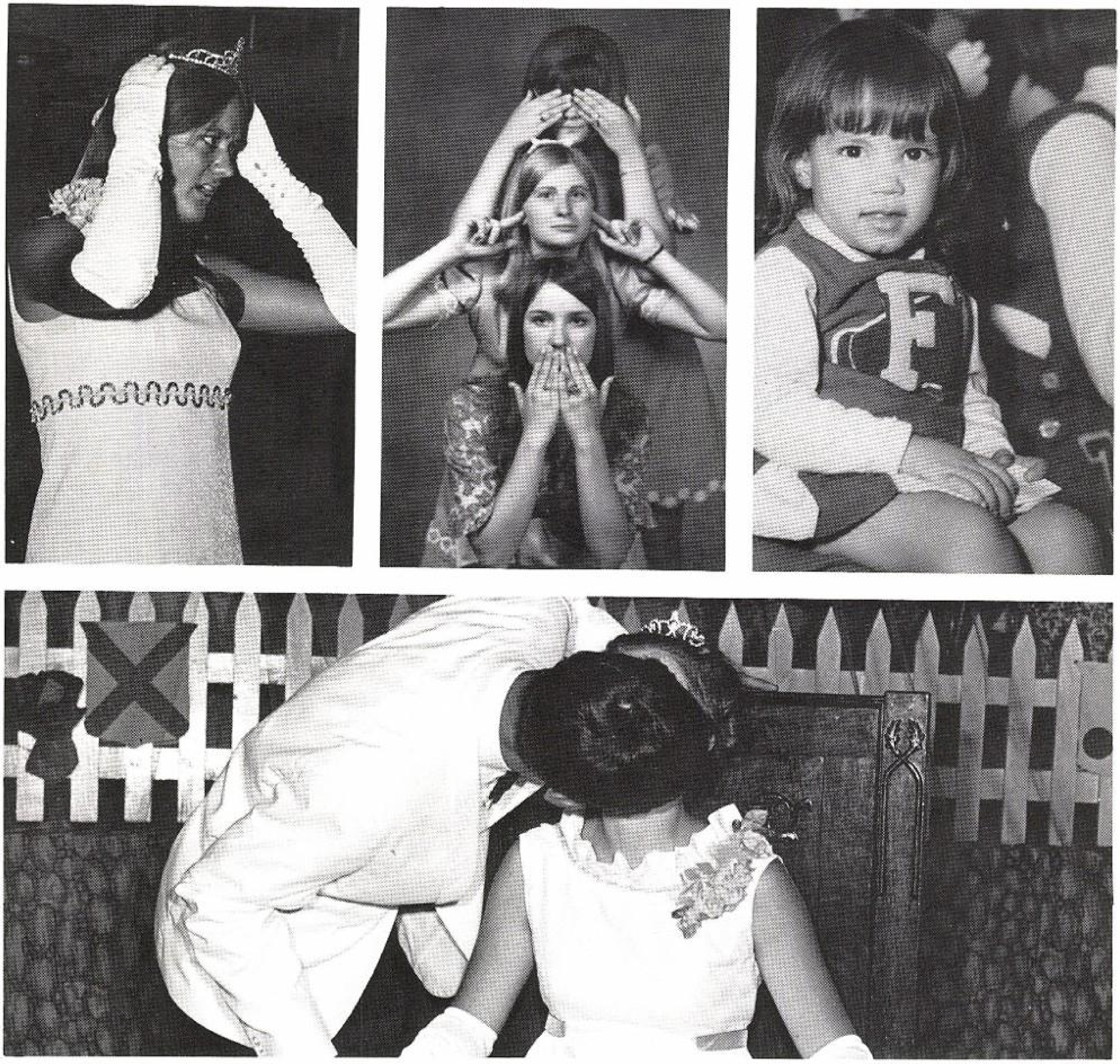
Steve Hoback Led a Cheer, and Snow Fell

Dennis Price and Mike Moon laugh-in at left. Below are Donna Ray, Coach Lowry Bishop with prize, Janet Rowe, Susan Withrow and Marilyn Richards, then Cheri Fry administering justice to Ray Ball.





Fruita Lionized Exceptional Wildcats



Favorites

Jack

Derring-do Future Farmers of America stacked the deck, then dealt themselves a winning royal hand which no one challenged even though it contained four queens — all (sweet) hearts. Chapter Sweetheart Neta Young, along with attendants Karla Buniger, Gail Hampton and Linda Martin (freshman attendant) were honored guests of Fruita's Future Farmers at their annual spring banquet. The quartet of farmland lovelies was selected as the cream of the crop.

FFA Royalty

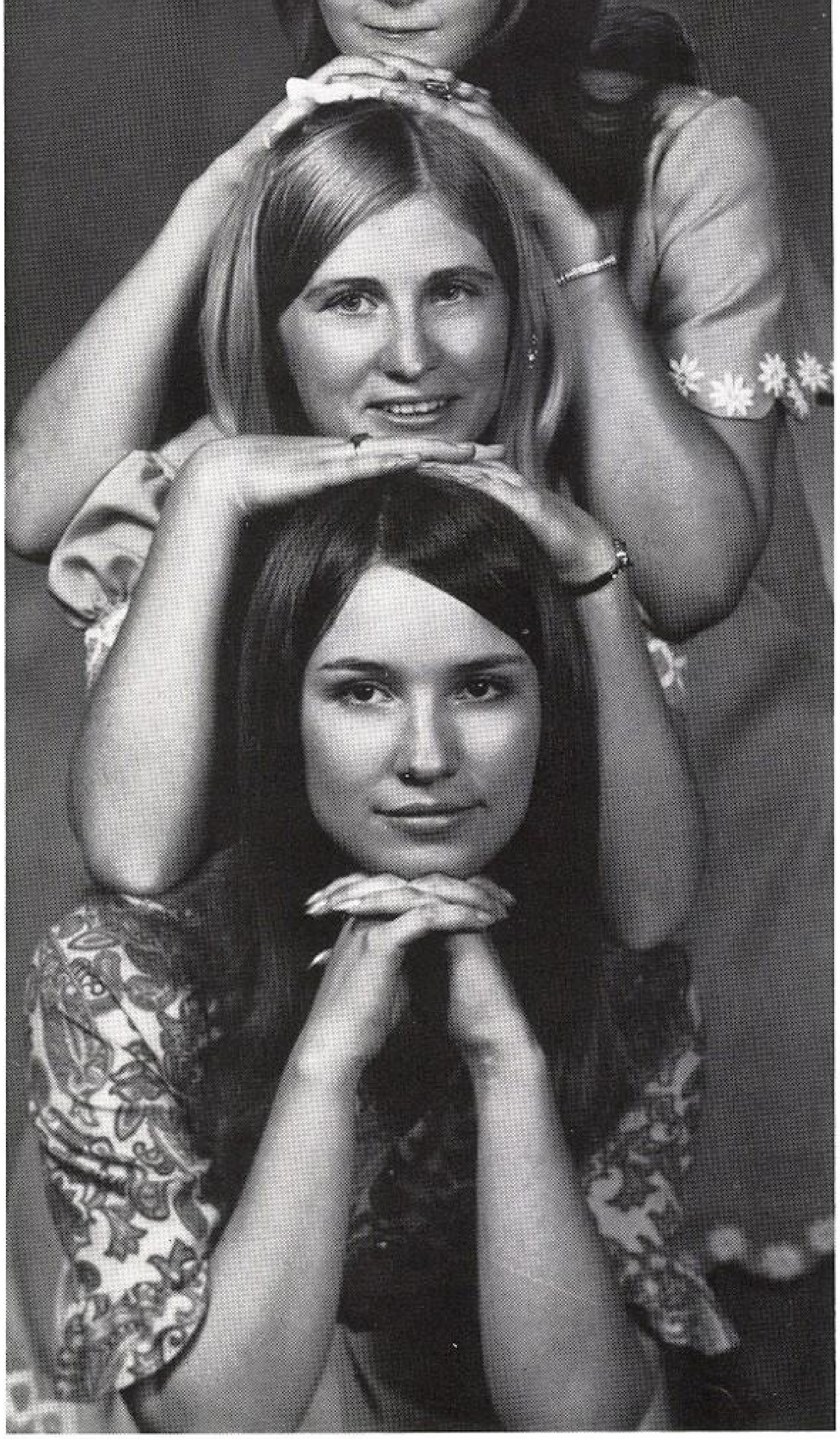
Cream Of The Crop

Blooming Beauties

Karla Buniger
Sophomore
Attendant

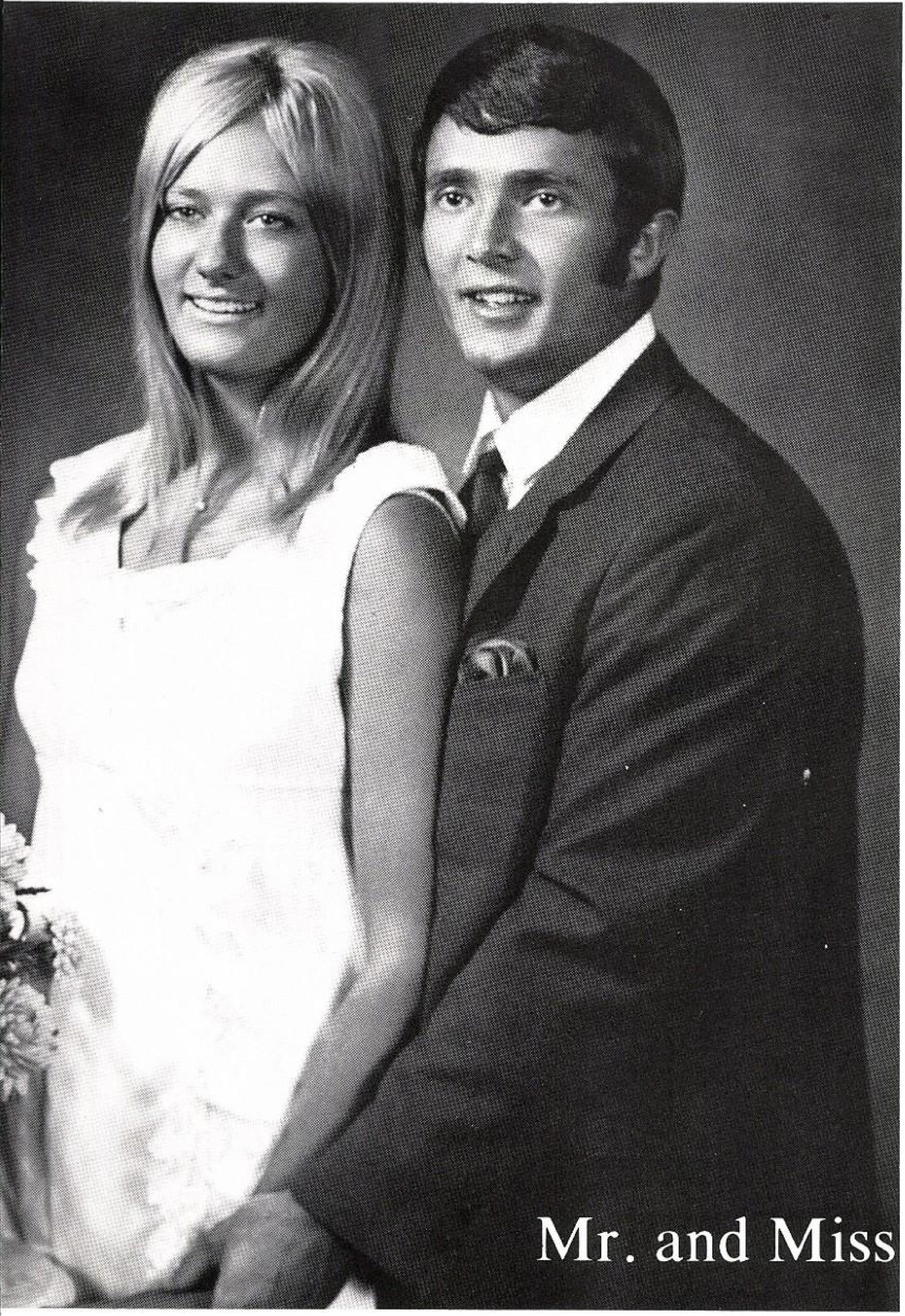
Neta Young
Chapter
Sweetheart

Gail Hampton
Junior
Attendant

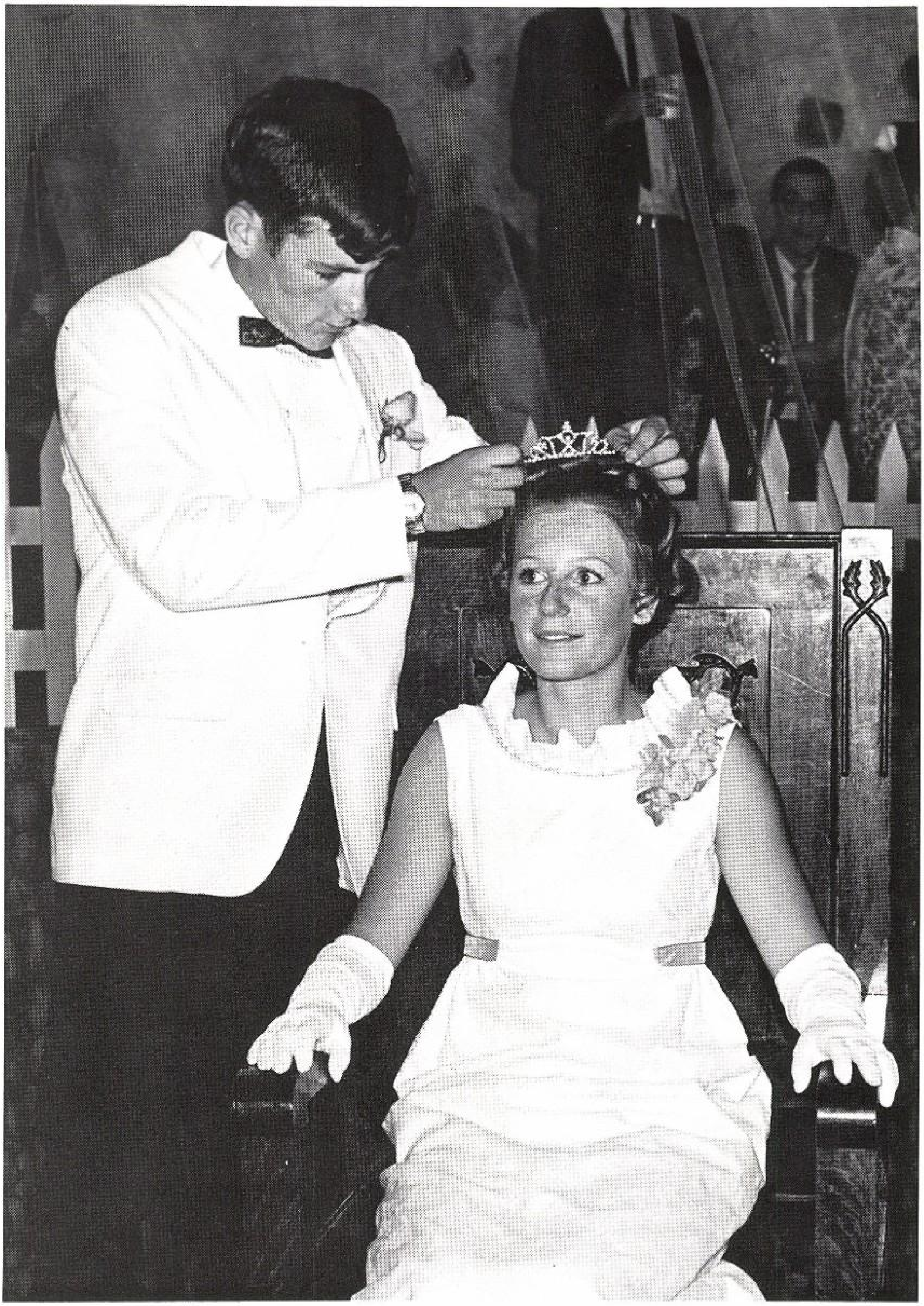


Fruita's ultimate tribute crowned gracious Linda Meinsen and suave Dennis Retherford *Mr. and Miss FHS*. Wildcats, by popular vote in early May, agreed unanimously to the choice. The coveted award was an epilogue to a story of achievement and success written by two Beautiful People.

Linda Meinsen
Dennis Retherford



Mr. and Miss FHS



Camelot Hails Its Queen

Lovely as a sunrise in lilac time, Queen Sherri Arbogast bloomed radiantly while modern Merlin, Kris Keith, charmed night, and stars winked in glittering profusion to applaud her coronation. By regal decree, there was no legal limit the the fun there — in Camelot! And the great hall rocked.

All Camelot cheered King Mickey Cox and Queen Sherri, magnificent in their crowning hour of happiness. Courtly revelers, as is the custom, waited a respectable time in May before joining the bonny-fair couple in a royal stomper which left the old castle just slightly dazed.

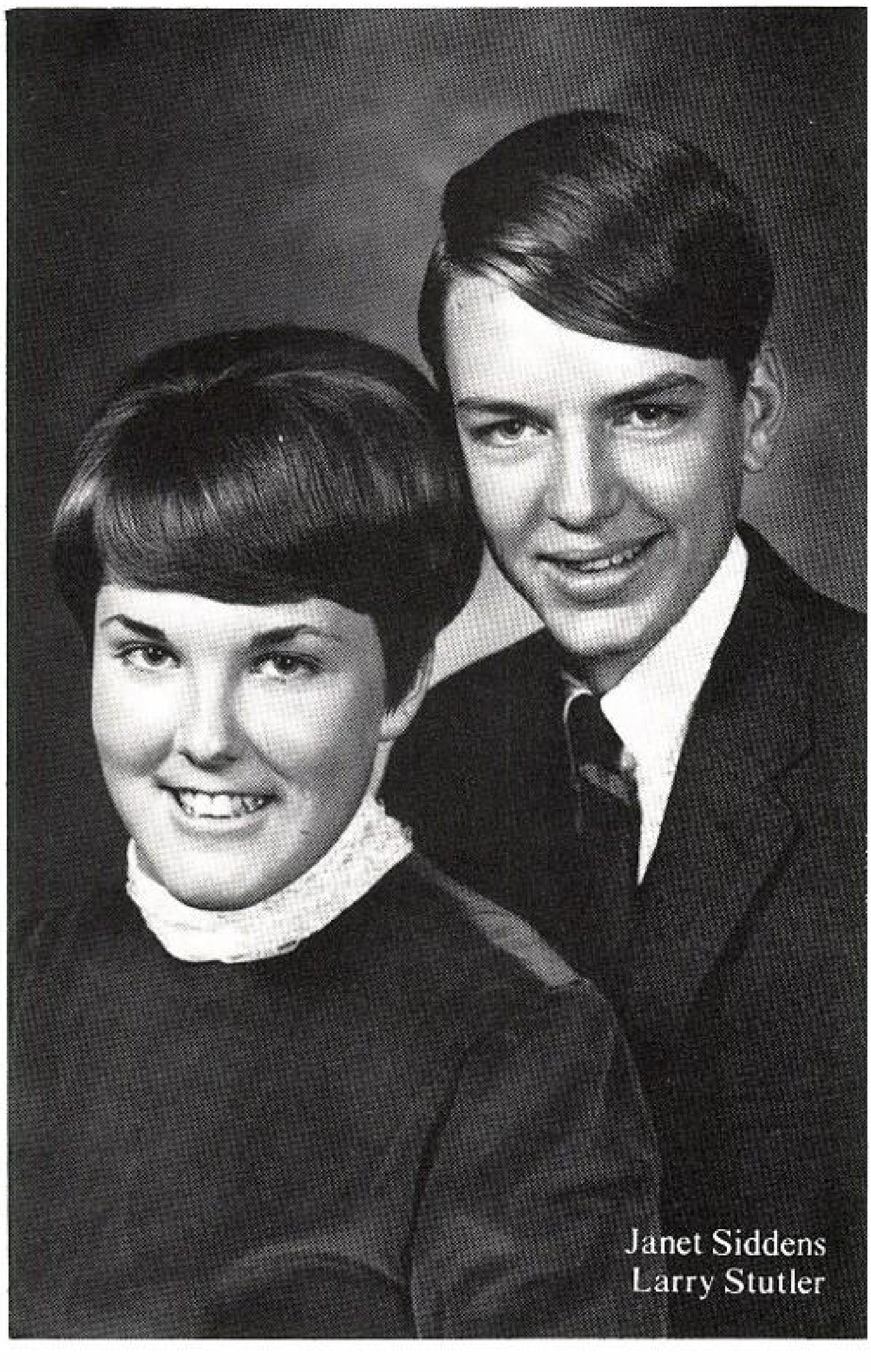
Arthur's Pad Really Swung

Fruita's Finest Personified Rare 'Cat Ideals

When the frost was on the pumpkin, Wildcat Committeemen awarded 'Cat crowns to Janet Siddens and Larry Stutler, October's genial elite. This industrious duo typified a blend of academic excellence with an intense curiosity in a world beyond self. Radiant Janet co-edited *The Wildcat's Beat,* Colorado's No. 1 Class I paper; she was secretary to FTA, president of Quill and Scroll, a debater; she piped first clarinet and was Rainbow Worthy Adviser. Larry presided over German Club and National Honor Society, was a treasurer for Thespians, Science Club. He participated in IRC, F-Club and myriad church activities. Larry won the demanding *Our Town* lead stage role.

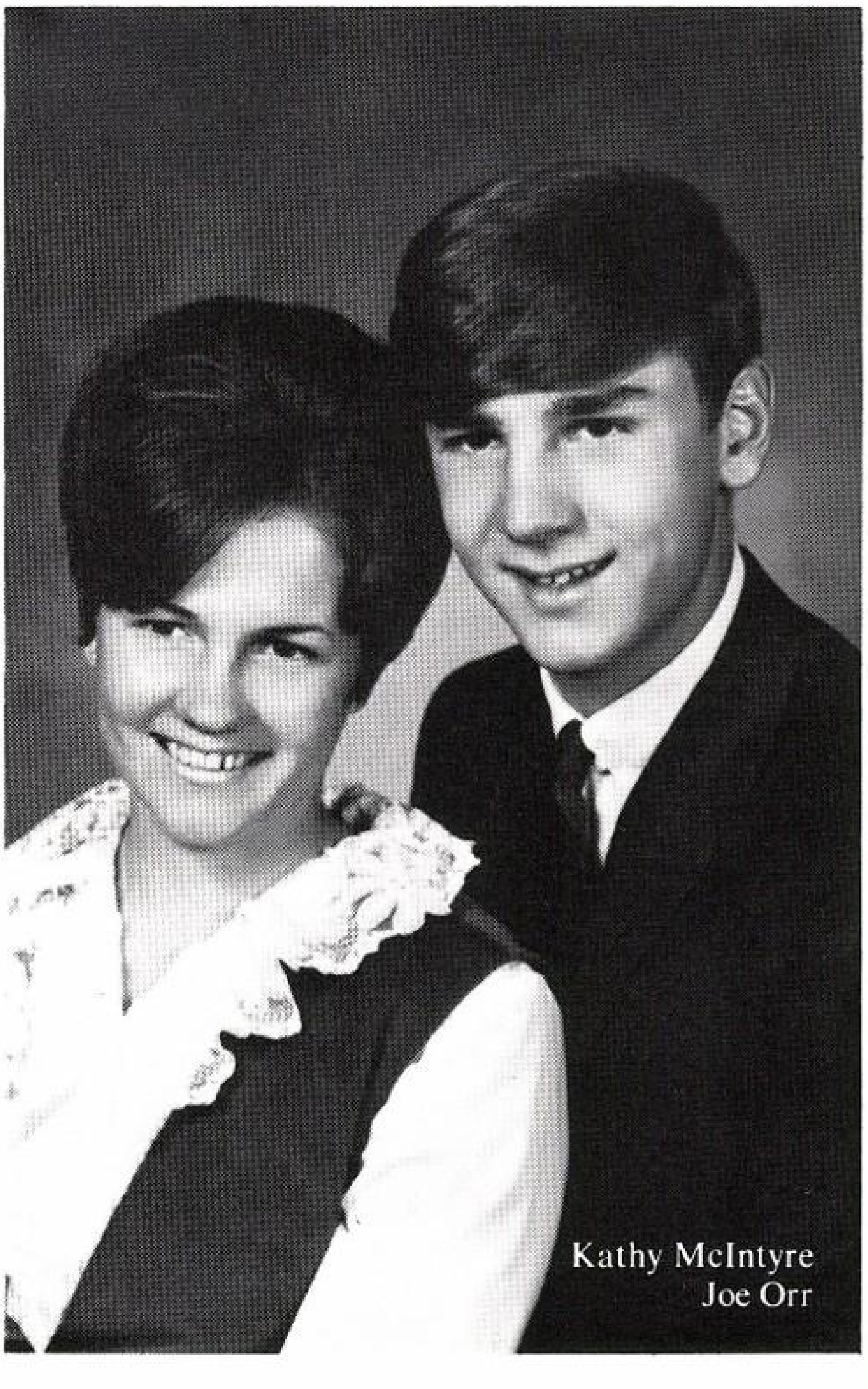
Vivacious Kathy McIntyre and valedictorian Joe Orr were the first exemplar medalists in the '69 Wildcat survey. September's peerless pair offered the FHS community dynamic motivation. Effervescent Kathy, a Rangely College Pep Clinic grad, fired spirit as a veteran yell leader. Kathy was Ski Club vice-president, an IRC member and Typing II student assistant. Joe Orr, academically No. 1 in the Class of '69, was an enthusiastic entomologist, compiling a book-study of Mesa County insects; Science Club, Student Council, National Honor Society and band claimed his time. Joe also attended Chicago's *Youth Conference on the Atom*.

October



Janet Siddens
Larry Stutler

September



Kathy McIntyre
Joe Orr

Elly Rodriquez
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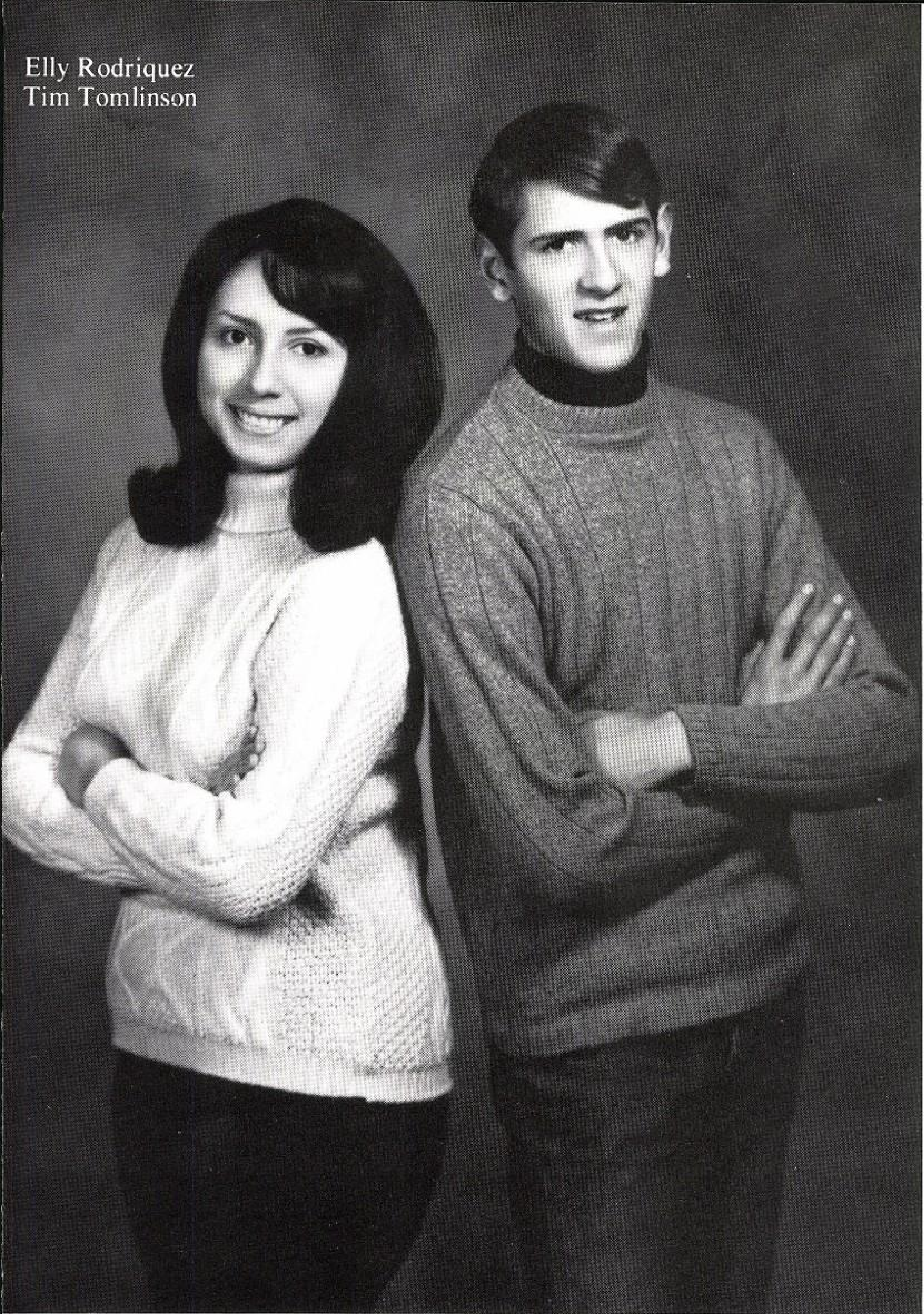


November

Mr. and Miss Wildcat Medalists — '69

Sock-it-to-'em "Group W" founder Tim Tomlinson and talented Thespian-songbird Elly Rodriquez colored November lively as the third twosome awarded Wildcat titles. Elly, an avid vocalist, enraptured audiences with her melodious roles in *Rip Van Winkle* and *Hyman Kaplan*. She also performed with Fruita's organized songsters; her superb thrush-like ability won a commanding spot for Elly at the Denver University Girls' All-state Choir in '68. Her voice was heard at meetings of National Honor Society, Pep Club, National Thespians Association and FTA. Iconoclast Tim Tomlinson, an organizer par excellence, found himself drafted for leadership posts by fellows who recognized his gift for achievement at the fore. He was president of IRC, French Club, as well as treasurer for the senior class. A varied interest in curricular offerings kept Tim hustling with F-Club, Science Club and National Honor Society affiliations. His energy was explosive!

Robust strains of *Oh, Christmas Tree! Oh, Christmas Tree!* swept December standout students Patty Maluy and Gene Shaw into further prominence. A lure of footlights called Patty and Gene, whose vital portrayals in *Romanoff and Juliet* and *Our Town* earned orchid raves. Theater-goers saw a second night of Thornton Wilder's magic just to experience the movingly intense power which Patty evoked with her insight into the feminine lead. Patty was secretary to Student Council and French Club, member of Science Club, Yearbook Staff and National Honor Society. She also chaired the Mr. and Miss Wildcat Committee. Fruita Chamber of Commerce gave her an Outstanding Student Award. Gene served Thespians as president; he was vice-president of the senior class, Science Club and band. Gene won roles in every major stage work produced at Fruita during his three years here.

Exemplar 'Cats Found Room at the Top

Gene Shaw
Patty Maluy

December

JoAdair Welch
Don Bristol

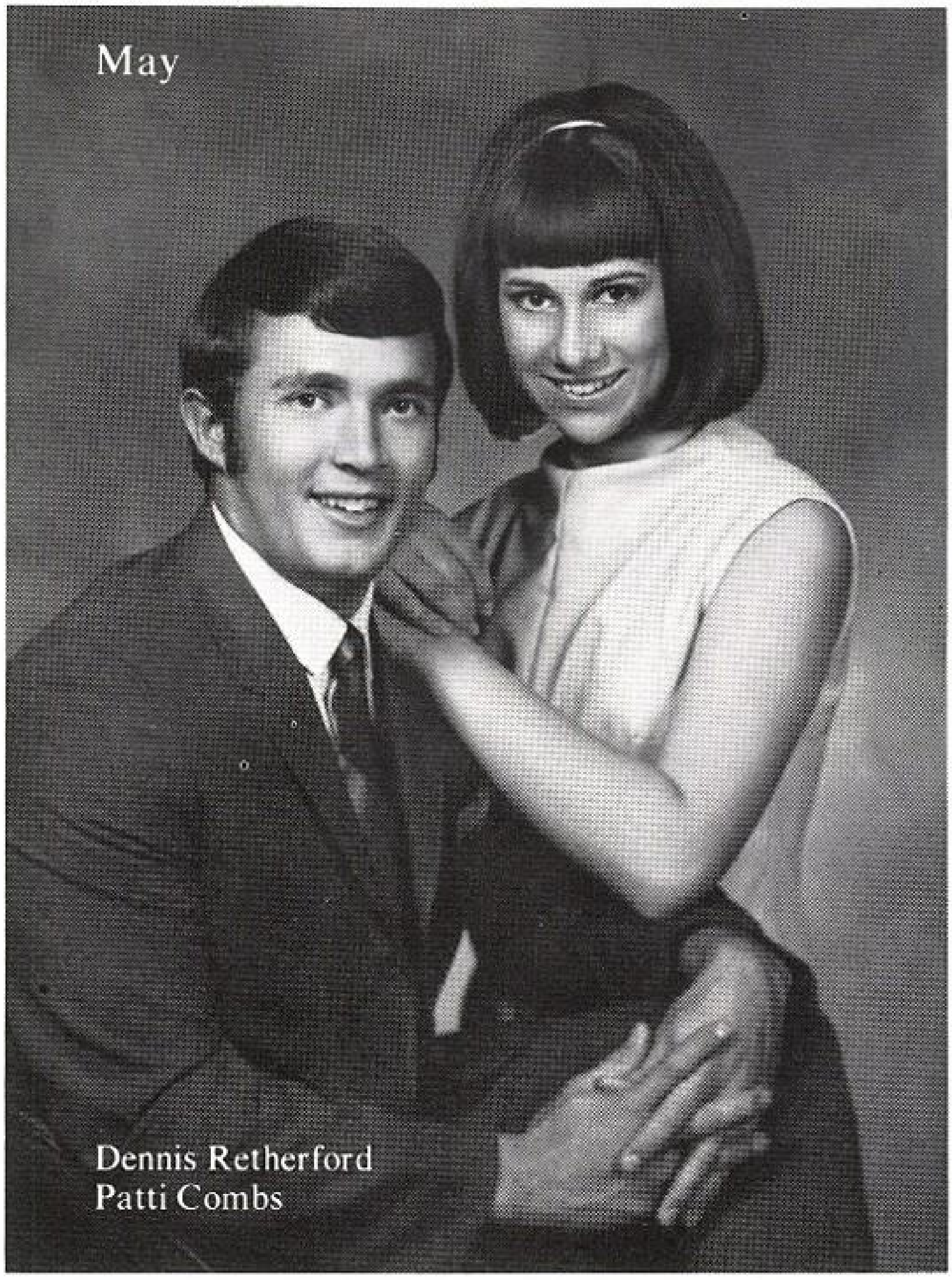
January

Faye Kelley
Tom Sommerville

February

January's pair extraordinaire — JoAdair Welch and Don Bristol — launched the new year listening for a revolution in sound among the top ten platters. And Don was not about to argue with JoAdair's choice after she had returned from Boulder accomplished and skilled in competitive debate. Dramatist, Thespian, speaker and songstress, JoAdair's world was filled with the vital sounds of people reacting to people. She was president of FTA, vice-president of IRC, Quill and Scroll and a member of National Honor Society. *Our Town* featured her. Affable Don Bristol posted an admirable season with the Blue and White grid and mat squads. Off the field he served as vice-president of F-Club. Don's personable manner set him apart from and above the crowd. February's valentines were Queen of Hearts Faye Kelley with Tom Sommerville. Faye sparkled when she laughed, and she was always laughing. A perennial office holder in FHA, she also was outstanding member of GAA, active in National Honor Society and Co-Rec volleyball, yearbook staff and band. She won a Mesa College Achievement Scholarship and a Western Slope Book Fund Scholarship. Tom, equally on the go-go, earned membership in National Honor Society, F-Club, student council, Key Club, Swing Choir, Mixed Chorus and Science Club. And Tom has another season at FHS!

Wildcat Headliners Made News in '69

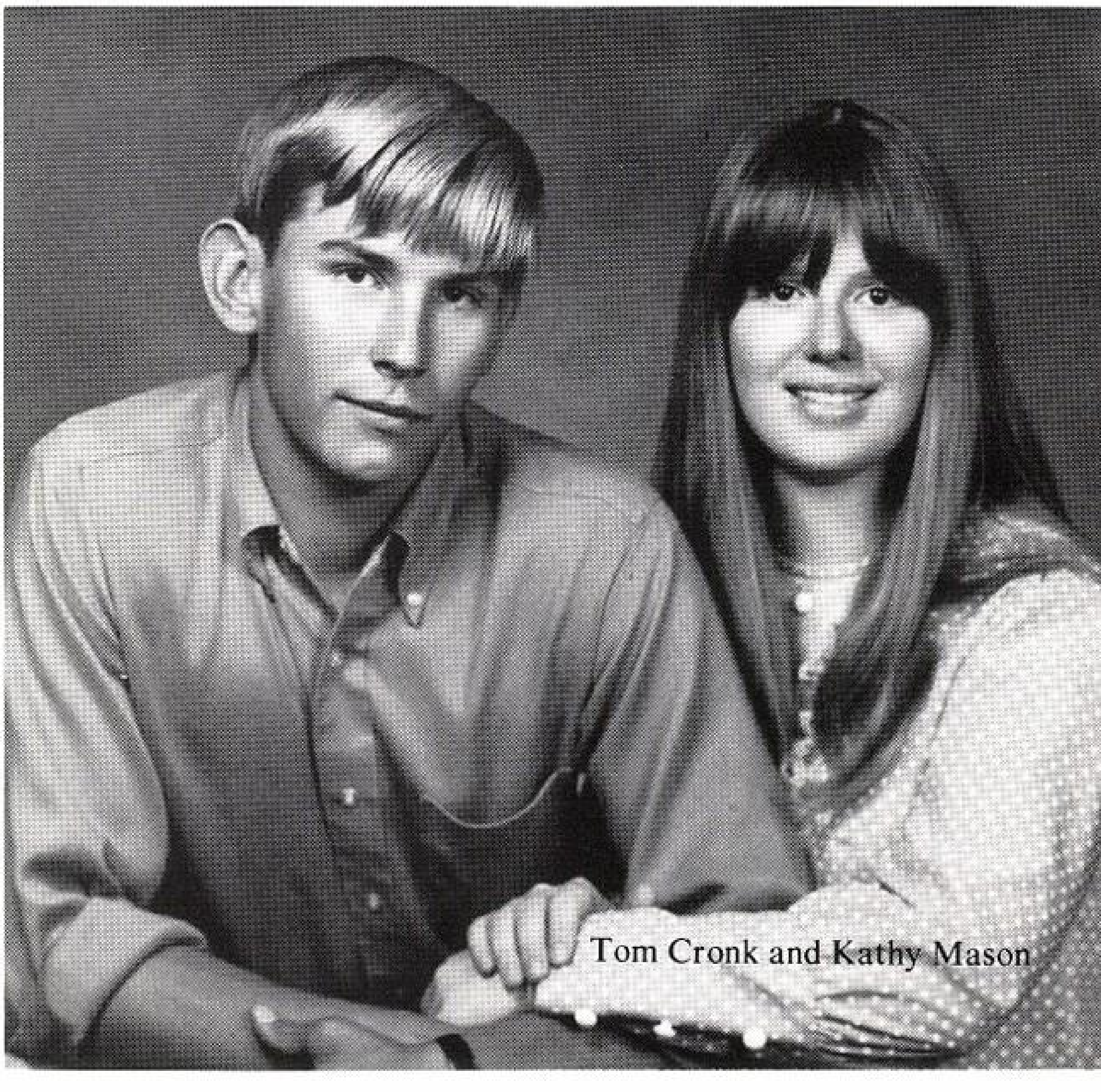

May

Dennis Retherford
Patti Combs

April's shower of awards continued into May then turned into a veritable cloudburst of honors for graduating senior Dennis Retherford and distaff recipient Patti Combs. Mr. and Miss Wildcat for the month of May, Dennis and Patti symbolized the epitome of leadership in '69. As Head Boy and president of the student council, Dennis assumed much weighty responsibility; a three-year letterman and F-Club member, Dennis quarterbacked and co-captained Fruita's league championship team. He participated in Science Club, weight-lifting and the *Just Us* quartet. He received a Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Student Award, a Student Council Achievement Award, and was named Mr. FHS for '69. Junior Patti Combs initiated Fruita's participation in the *Action* TV series; she was named to edit the *Wildcat's Beat* in '70 and was active in both Pep Club and Science Club throughout '69.

Gifted senior duo Kathy Mason and Tom Cronk were in line for honors as wily old spring sprang. Voted Mr. and Miss Wildcat for the month of April, the pair capped off their graduation glee with this most singular of awards. Songstress Kathy Mason won a lead role opposite Bryan Beck in the orchid-lauded production of *The Education of Hyman Kaplan;* in '68 Kathy also held the spotlight in *Rip Van Winkle* where her talent earned raves as she sang and danced unforgettably. A member of Mixed Chorus and Swing Choir, FTA and National Honor Society, as well as Pep Club, Kathy served FHS well during her years within the hallowed halls. Tom, too, was a hustler whose motivation came from within. He acquired membership in F-Club, IRC, National Honor Society, Ski Club, student council, was treasurer of FTA and vice-president of Science Club. First baseman Cronk snagged a science award at the spring assembly.

April


Tom Cronk and Kathy Mason

Some Climbers Reached The Summit

Vitality characterized both diminutive Jeanne Heiny, whose moppet-like manner endeared her to all, and Norman Vincent, Mr. Sincerity — winners in the March balloting for a pair of Wildcat crowns. Jeanne never stopped! She was everywhere at once, spreading joy and planting mischief. Much of her charm sprang from an impish grin which said, "I like you." Perched atop her pedestal, songbird Heiny warbled with *Just Us* as well as with the Swing Choir and Mixed Chorus. Vocal music was her sun, day and nighttime, too. Buzzing from place to place, Jeanne landed long enough to serve as a *Wildcat* editor, president of Pep Club, a member of IRC and, occasionally, student council. She earned a role in *Hyman Kaplan* and was Rainbow Worthy Adviser. Gentleman Norman Vincent, a high school All-American grid ace, cast a big shadow silently to become one of the most uncommon figures on campus. Remarkably magnetic, yet somehow withdrawn, he was a quiet young man sporting a noisy smile. All-conference, all-state, president of F-Club, Norman climbed every mountain!

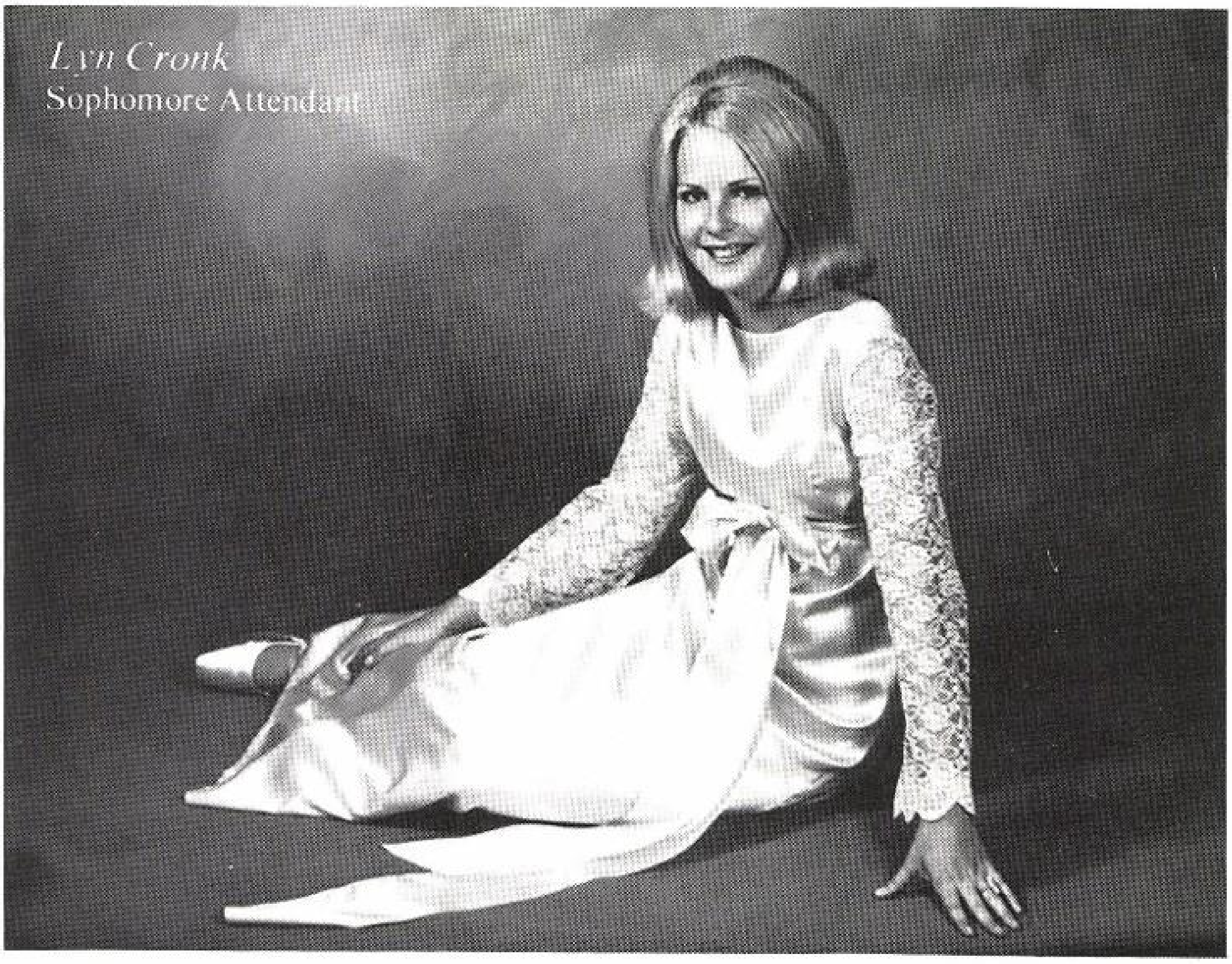
Jeanne Heiny
Norman Vincent

March

Exquisite Royalty

Linda Meinsen —
Queen
Of Wildcats

Janet Rowe
Senior Attendant

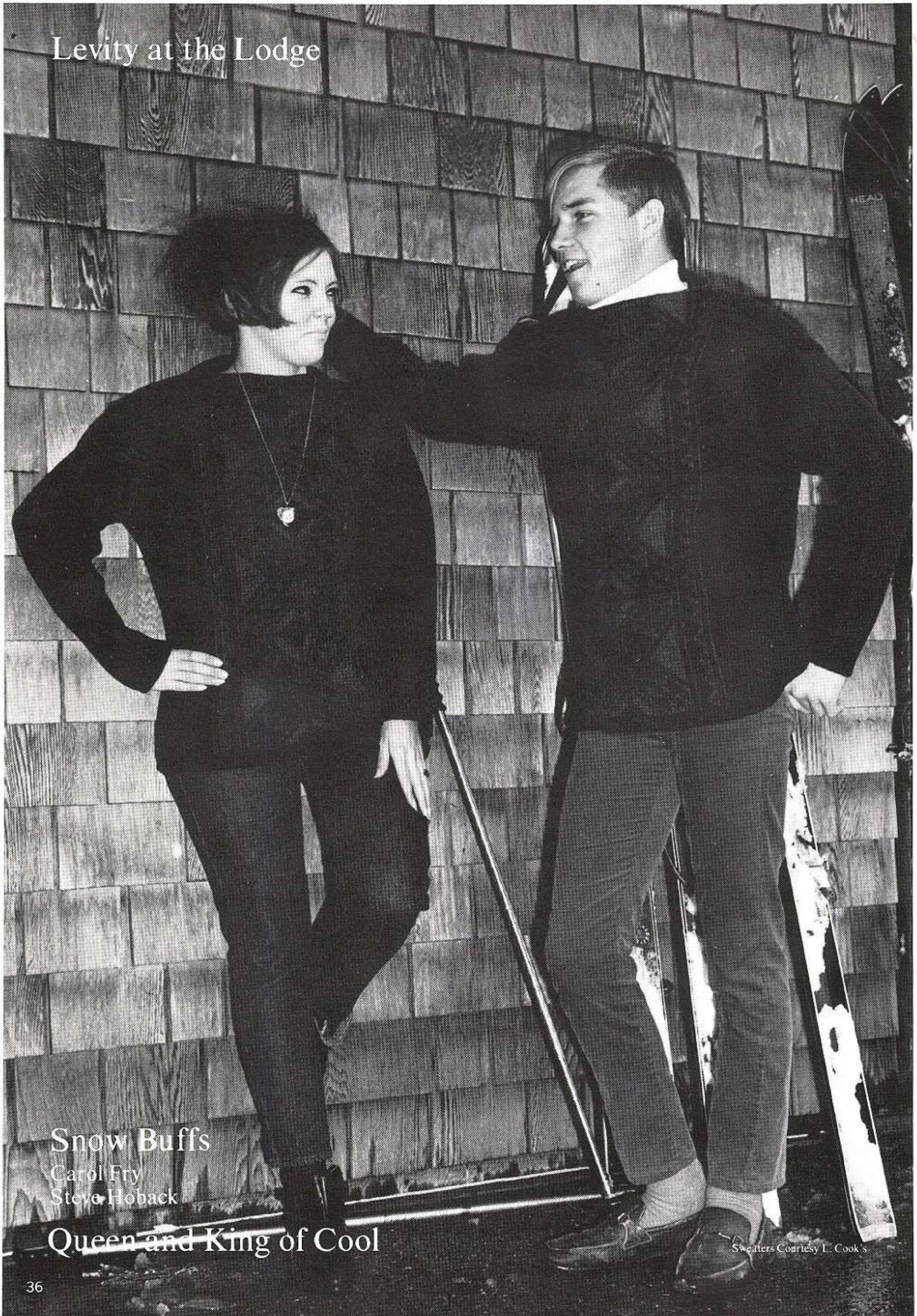


Lyn Cronk
Sophomore Attendant

October Wept Gray Until a Queen Smiled

Warming chill October days with radiant charm, Queen Linda Meinsen was the sun and the moon as she and her dazzling court of Wildcat beauties graced Fruita's bustling homecoming festivities. First in honor at the queen's side was senior attendant Janet Rowe, a candidate for the crown; juniors voted Marlene McBride a place near the sun as their representative to the royal court. Sophomores hailed resplendent Lyn Cronk as their choice to brighten the dreary days.

Levity at the Lodge



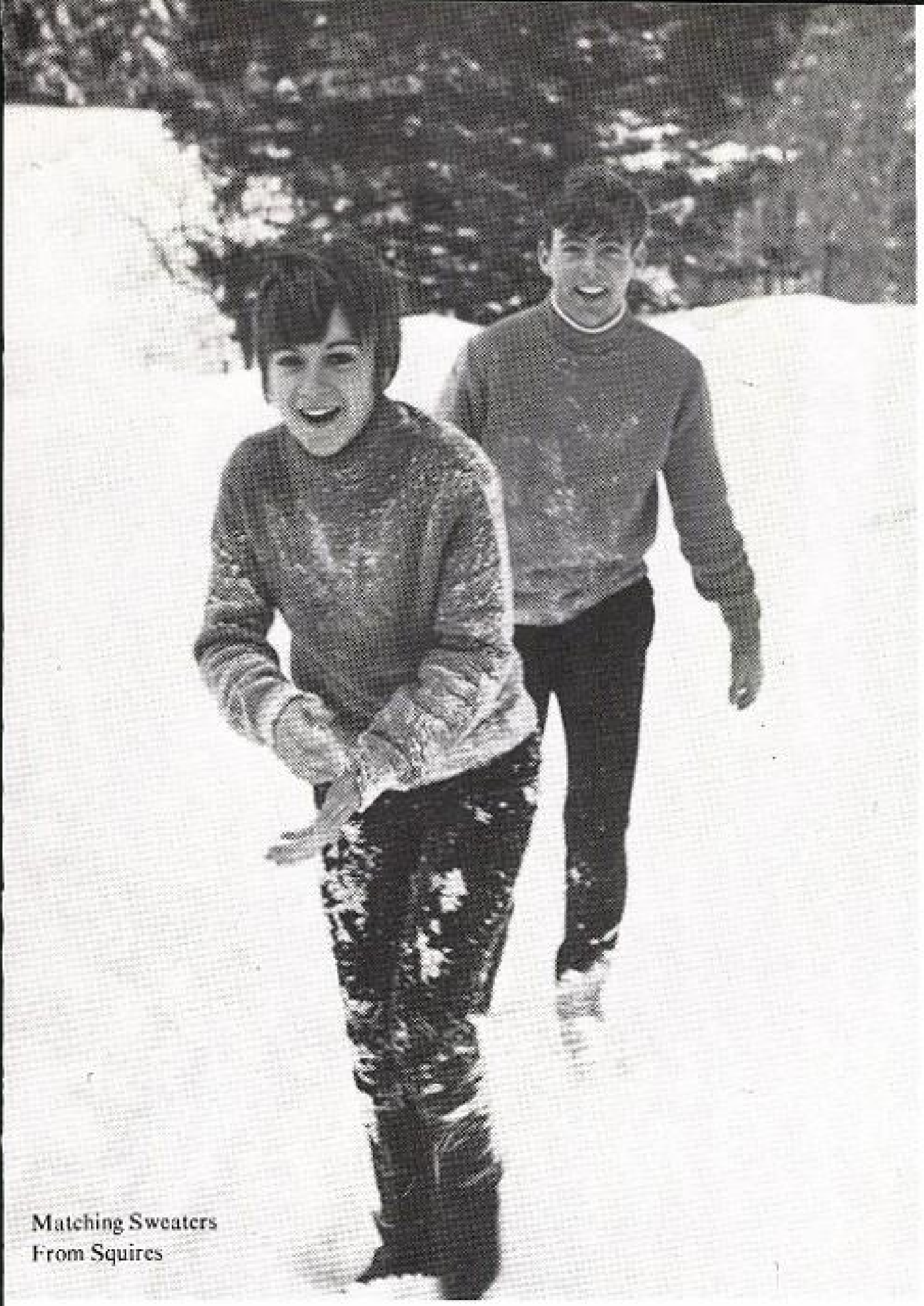
Snow Buffs

Carol Fry
Steve Hoback

Queen and King of Cool

Sweaters Courtesy L. Cook's.

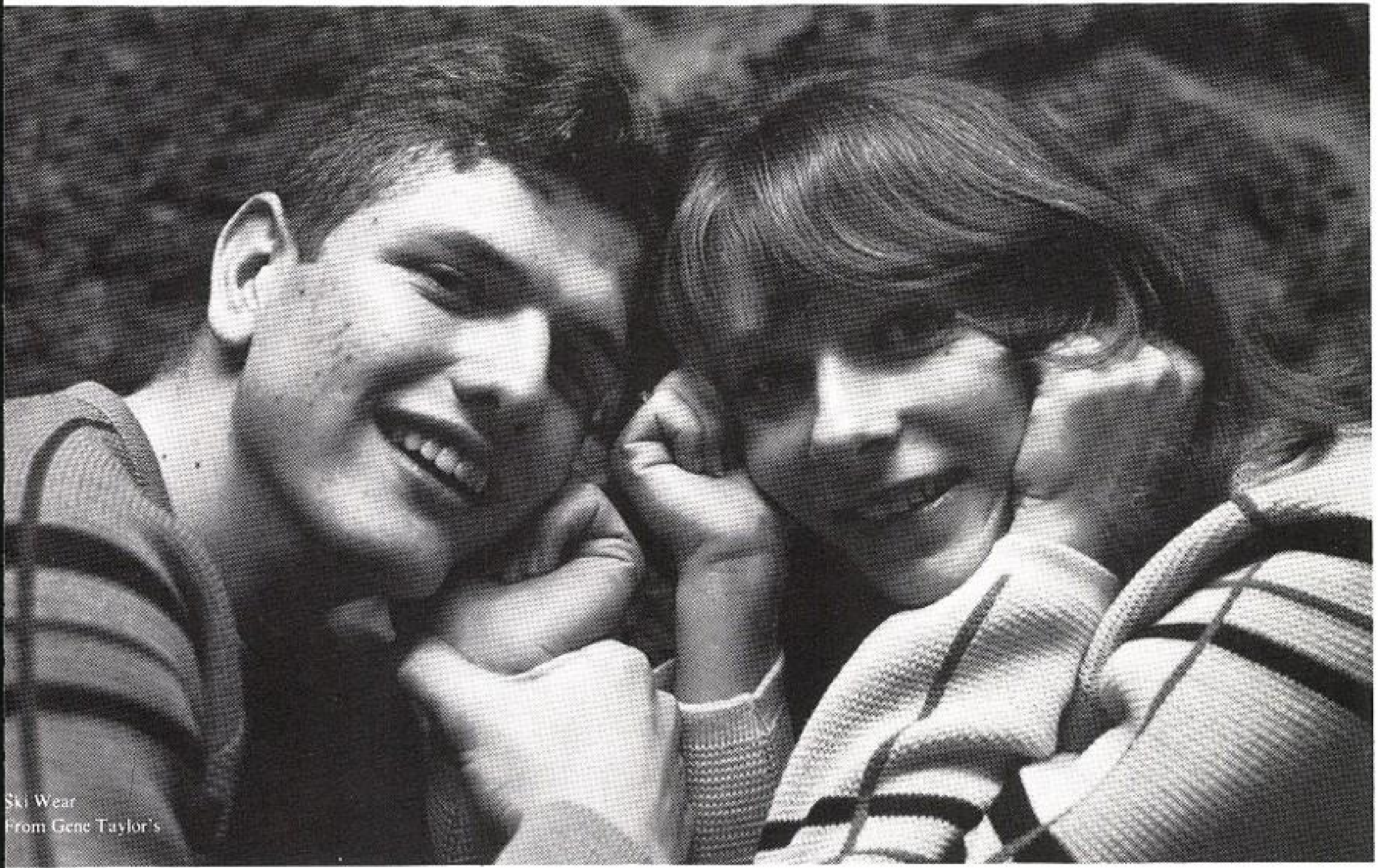
Snow Ball Revelers Danced To Sounds Chimed on Ice



Matching Sweaters
From Squires

Muted laughter coursed through tinseled ice, and a sea of silver stars rippled gently overhead. Frosted for an evening's festivities, the cafeteria shimmered in its wintry trappings as Student Council and Mr. (Jack Frost) Silliman hosted Fruita's traditional Snow Ball. Slid onto the agenda for Dec. 13, the cool caper featured decorating handiwork of Carol Fry and her crew of cut-ups — Donna Raff, Jeanne Heiny, Linda Davis and Kathy Buhler — who snipped out stars to build a heavenly setting. Crystal crowns went to King Steve Hoback and Queen Carol Fry.

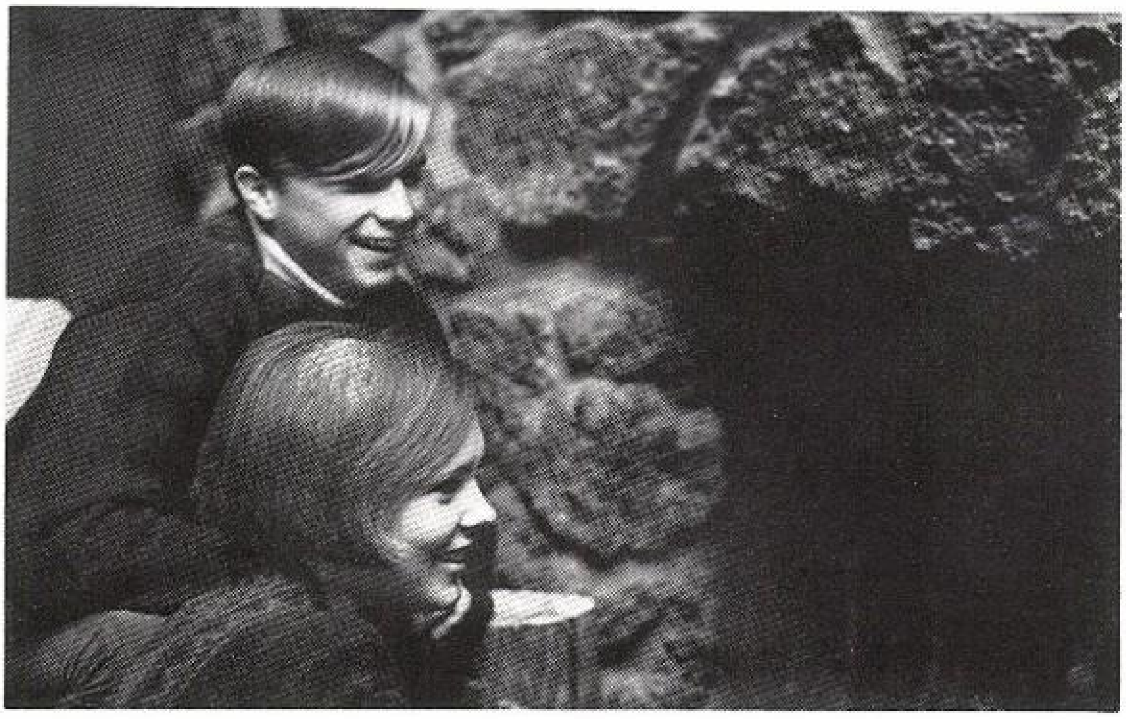
Marty Wells and Ross Beede, sophomore attendants to Fruita's royal couple, joined Steve and Carol at Mesa Lakes Ski Resort for a madcap finale to the yuletime rites. Junior attendants Larry Watkins and Sheila Sewell also had a ball during the frigid frolics in '68.

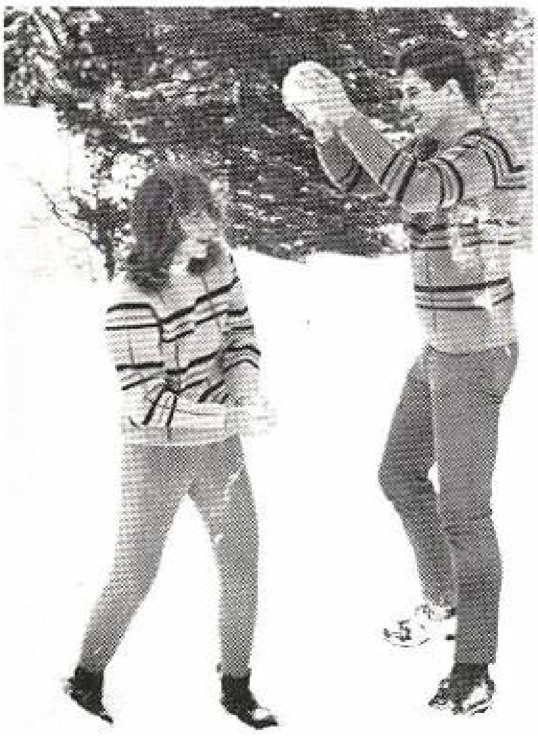


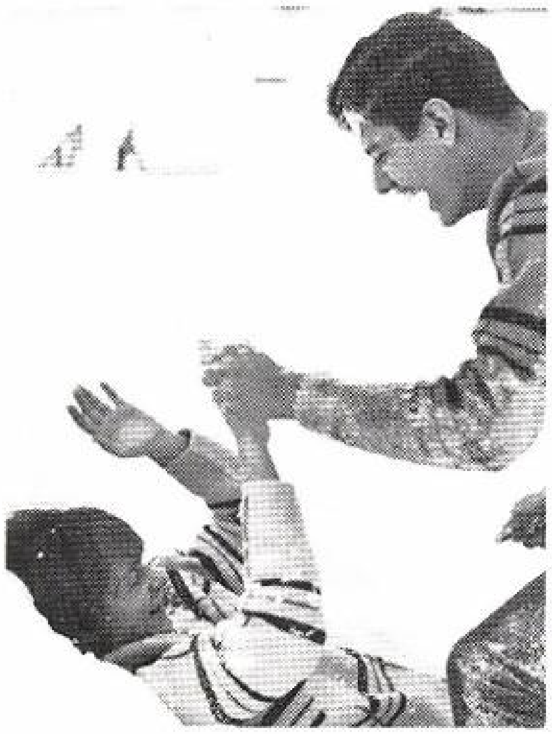
Ski Wear
From Gene Taylor's

After playing it cool on snow-deep slopes, royal attendants Larry Watkins and Sheila Sewell found a warm glow of conviviality by a Mesa Lakes fireside invigorating to the Nth degree. Cups of steaming chocolate, along with side-orders of zesty chili helped thaw the regal court following a festive bout in the powdered mountains. It was a day for giving friends the cold shoulder, too.

Powderhorn!

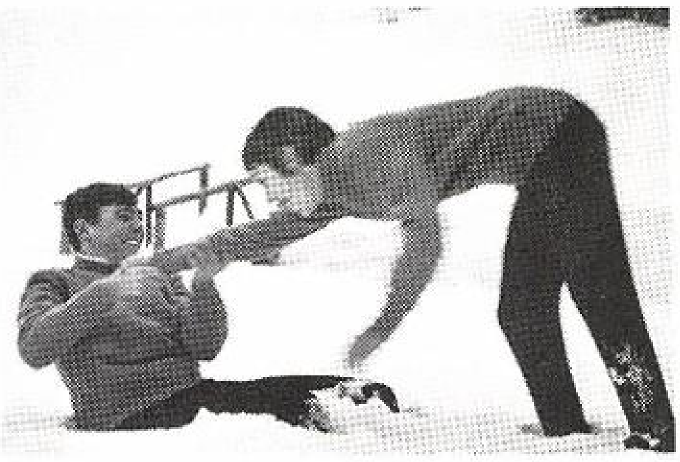






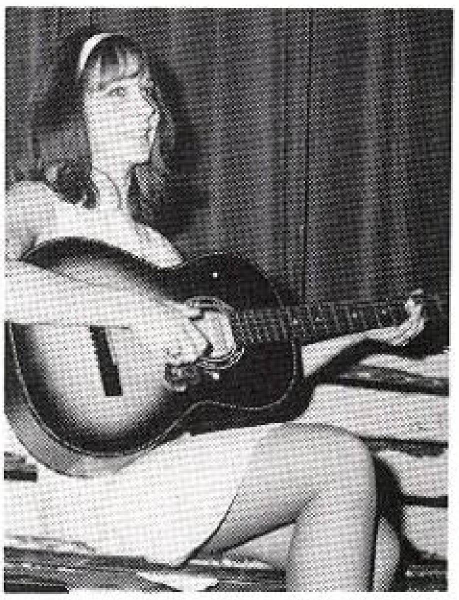
Four Waged a Battle Royal

A majestic Christmas tree, elegantly dressed in yule finery of brilliant color, ribboned and swathed with glittering slivers of light, stood dominating the cafeteria. It beckoned with its hoary, flocked branches, and who could elude its spell? It was winter; a deep frost was in the blue-stiff night, clear and starry. Vacation — that glorious respite — lay just a week away. All was well with our world when we closed our minds to the macrocosm; for one night it was possible. Amid the silver, blue and flashing icicles hung from above, Wildcats celebrated the Christmas season at one of the most applauded social outings. Student Council, which picked up the tab, rated a "Well done!" for the lavishly planned evening filled with excitement from which dreams were made. A magic moment intensified the charm when revelers prepared for a coronation. A warm murmur drifted among Wilcats standing arm-in-arm waiting to see who would wear the crowns as sovereigns of snow. Seniors Carol Fry and Steve Hoback (opposite top and bottom) were called. They smiled slyly; then their rich laughter dimmed all else in that festive room. The atmosphere was alive with their glow of sincere friendship. Juniors Sheila Sewell and Larry Watkins (at left; also opposite center), along with sophomores Marty Wells and Ross Beede, below, attended the royal duo. Later, during the much anticipated holiday fun fest, all six members of the regal entourage Jeeped to Grand Mesa for a photo session larking in the powdered opulence. What a day that was! After a frigid frolic in the snow, king, queen and court warmed up over a heated series of ping-pong tilts.

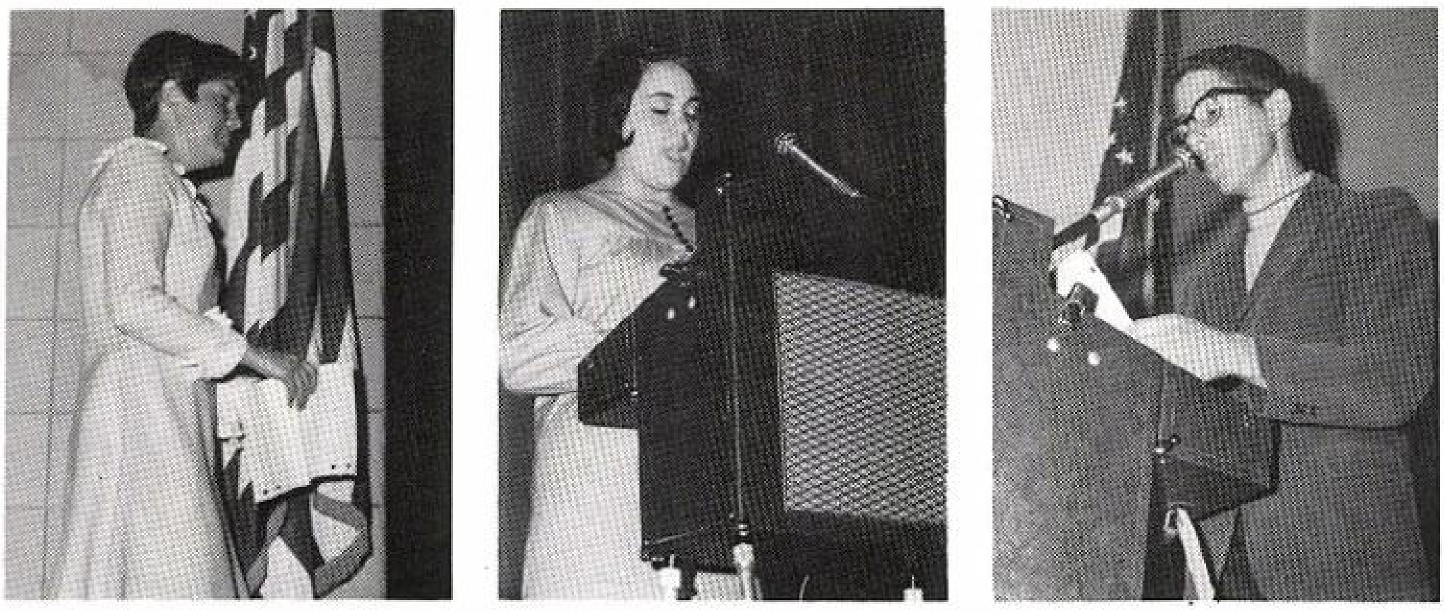


Election Day

Successful Campaigner
Tom Gibson III



Deliberate, unhurried, Tom Gibson III, above, along with engaging Gene Shaw, manager, campaigned for and won the top spot in Fruita's student government. Below Diane Hull and Jim Carlucci collect ballots; Lyn Cronk asks for votes.



Costa Watson
Lyn Cronk
Janet Siddens
Jeanne Heiny
Tom Sommerville

Dennis Retherford
Nancy Maluy
Yvonne Bunnell
Karla Buniger

Sheila Sewell
Paulie Fugate
Lyn Cronk
Nancy Maluy
Karla Buniger
Costa Watson
Tom Gibson

A Rigorous Campaign Revived Student Interest

Seven aspiring leaders, their campaign managers and well-wishers stumped Fruita's halls for a week in a genuine attempt to pump gusto back into listless student government. A tough battle focusing on vital issues within the realm of student action did, indeed, inspire new concern in student politics. Tom Gibson's victory over Tom Sommerville — hardly a landslide — gave him Head Boy responsibilities. Sheila Sewell defeated Paulie Fugate for secretary-treasurer duties, and Lyn Cronk overcame Nancy Maluy and Karla Buniger's bid for Head Girl honors.

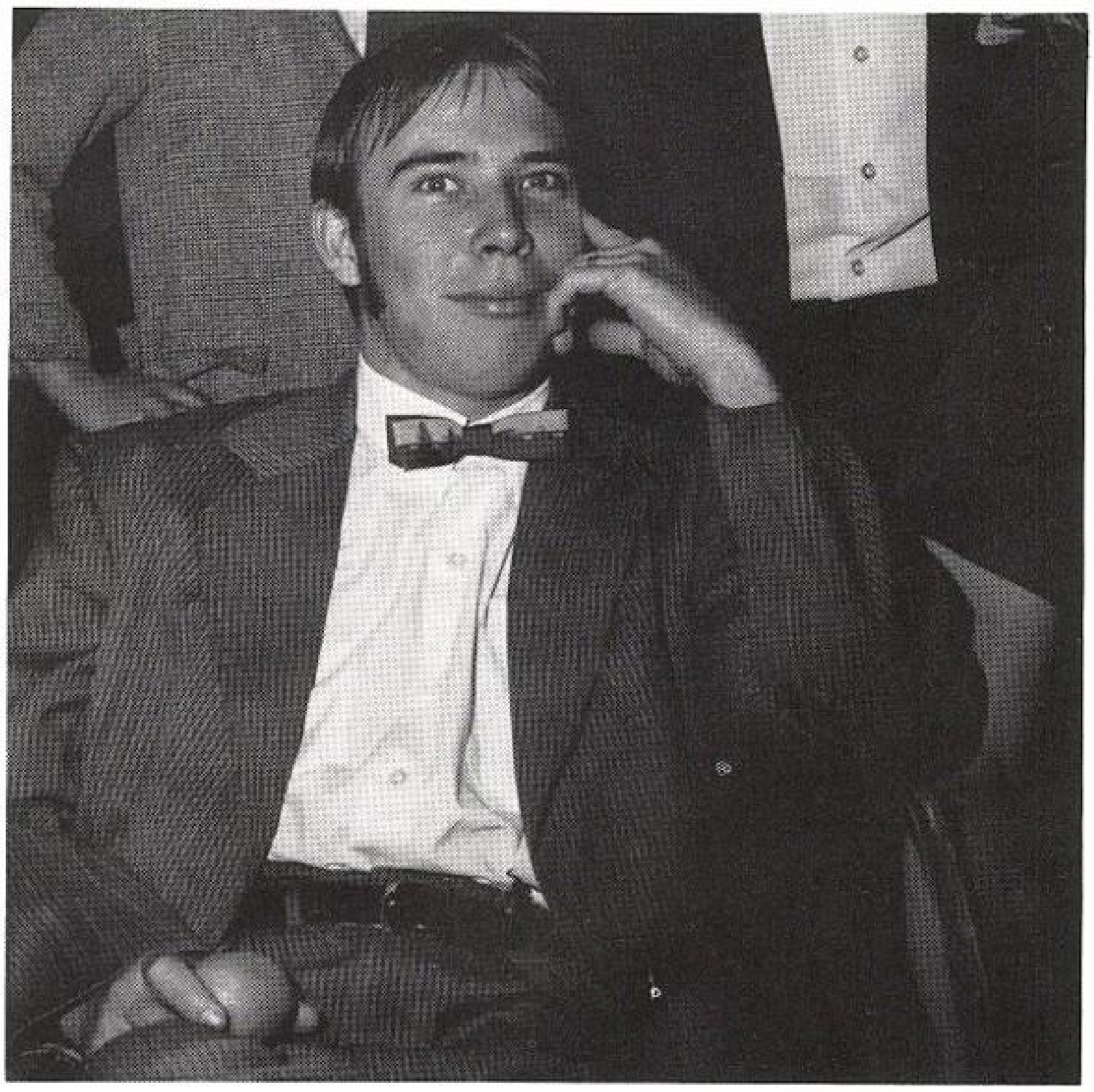
Sheila, Karla

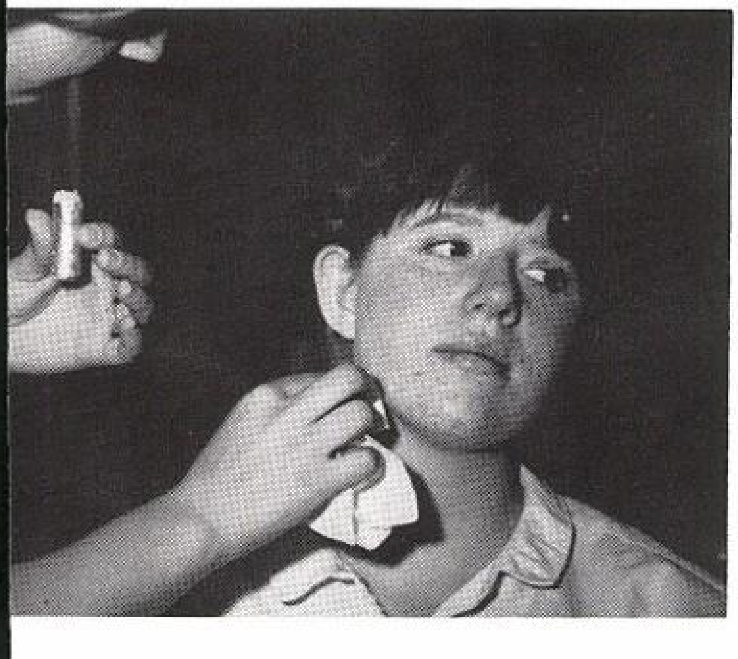
Kris, Michele

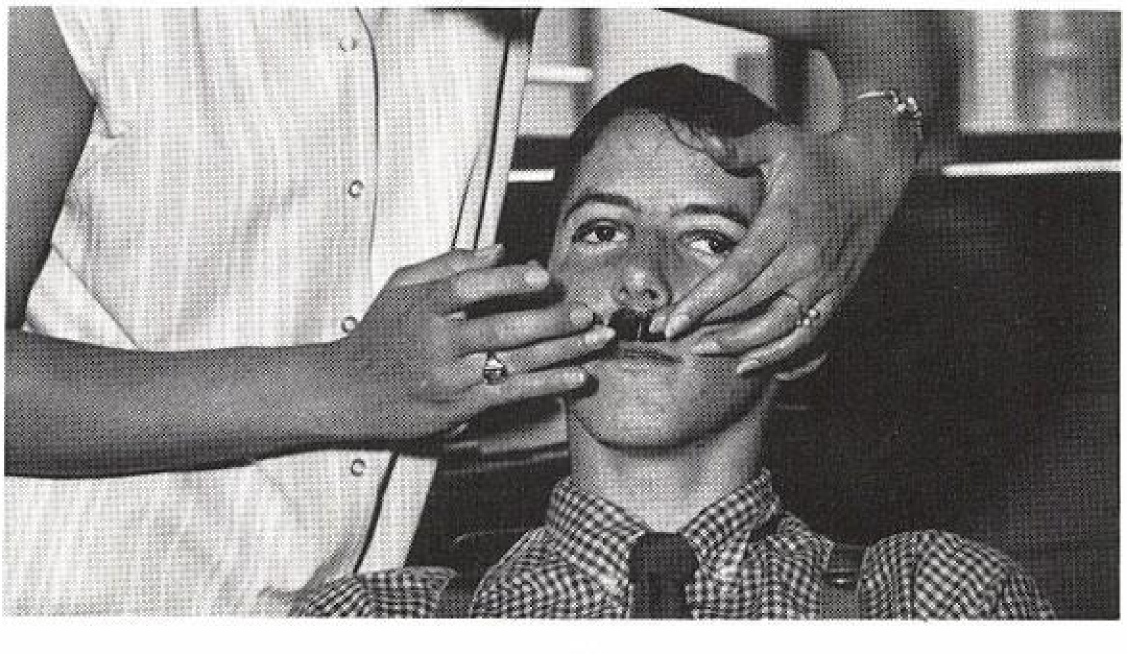
NANCY
CARES

A Change Typified Each Activity

Homecoming
and
Lively Arts







Rain, Rain, Go Away

Homecoming Cheer Ignored Rain

Pleasant autumn days filled homecoming week, and evenings were alive with a glow of happy faces above piles of napkins. All went well until *the* day, which had been scheduled for sunshine and which dawned in a sparkle of rain. During morning classes, students gazed out into the darkening sky; some pressed faces against the window panes to see whether the rain had subsided. But the gloom did not last. At the pep assembly, homecoming day burst into a million rays of happiness and warmth. Cheerleaders lit the fire which surged through the entire student body, and the once-dreary day glowed. With the pep band blaring, everyone shouting, the time was right for a coronation. Lovely Linda Meinsen was named Queen of Homecoming; in her regal court were Janet Rowe, senior attendant; junior Marlene McBride, and Lyn Cronk, sophomore. Queens, band, Drill Team, floats — all survived the downpour in high spirit and were ready at the end of the watered-down day for a festive clash on the gridiron pitting Fruita against visiting Nucla. Coach Gerald Zybura's Blue and White, playing before royalty, won the day most handily 21-0. Saturday, 'Cats danced to the music of the Gargantuans and suddenly homecoming '69 was finished. What a time that was! So filled with excitement, the thrill of the coronation; even the rain seemed friendly.

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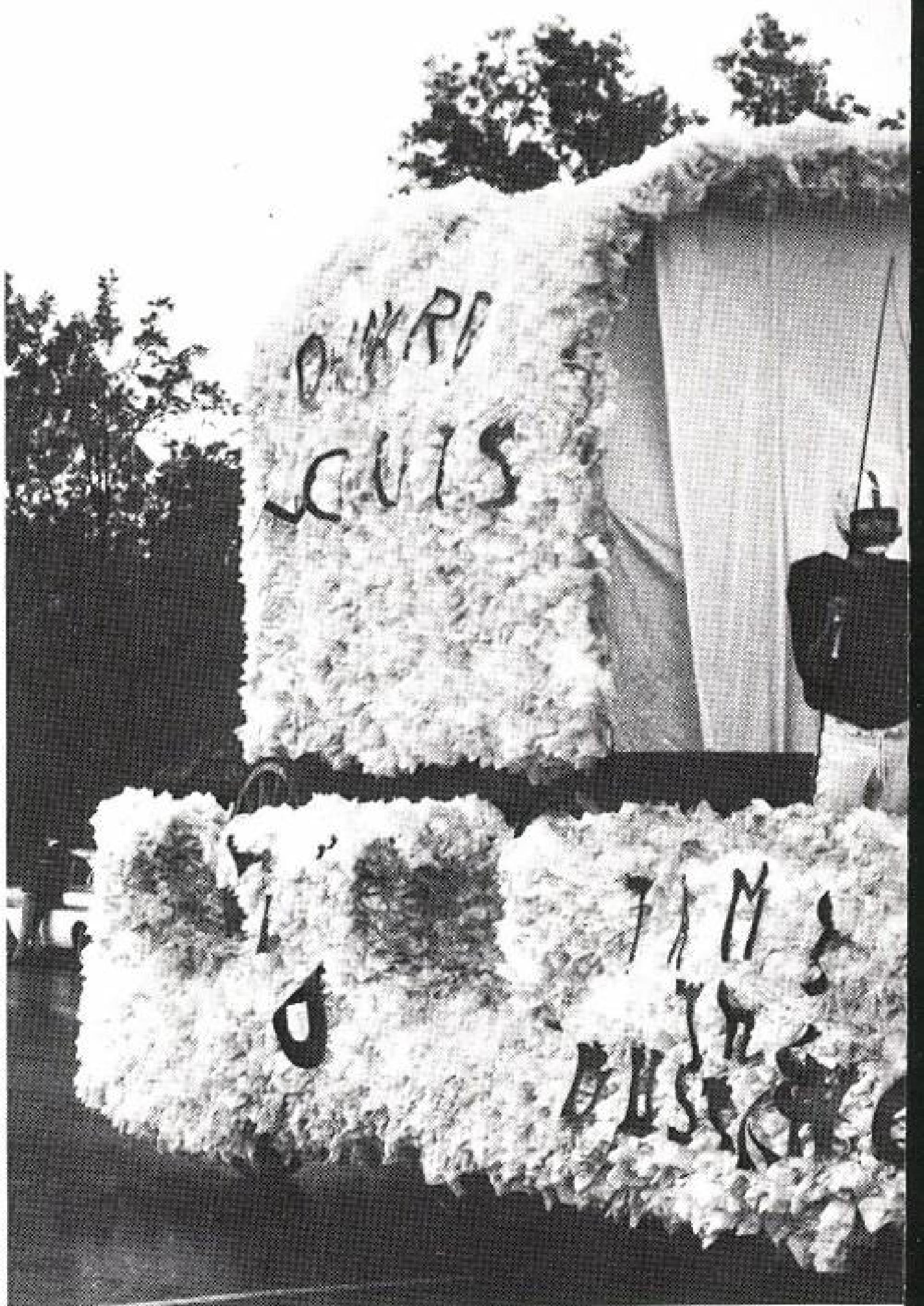
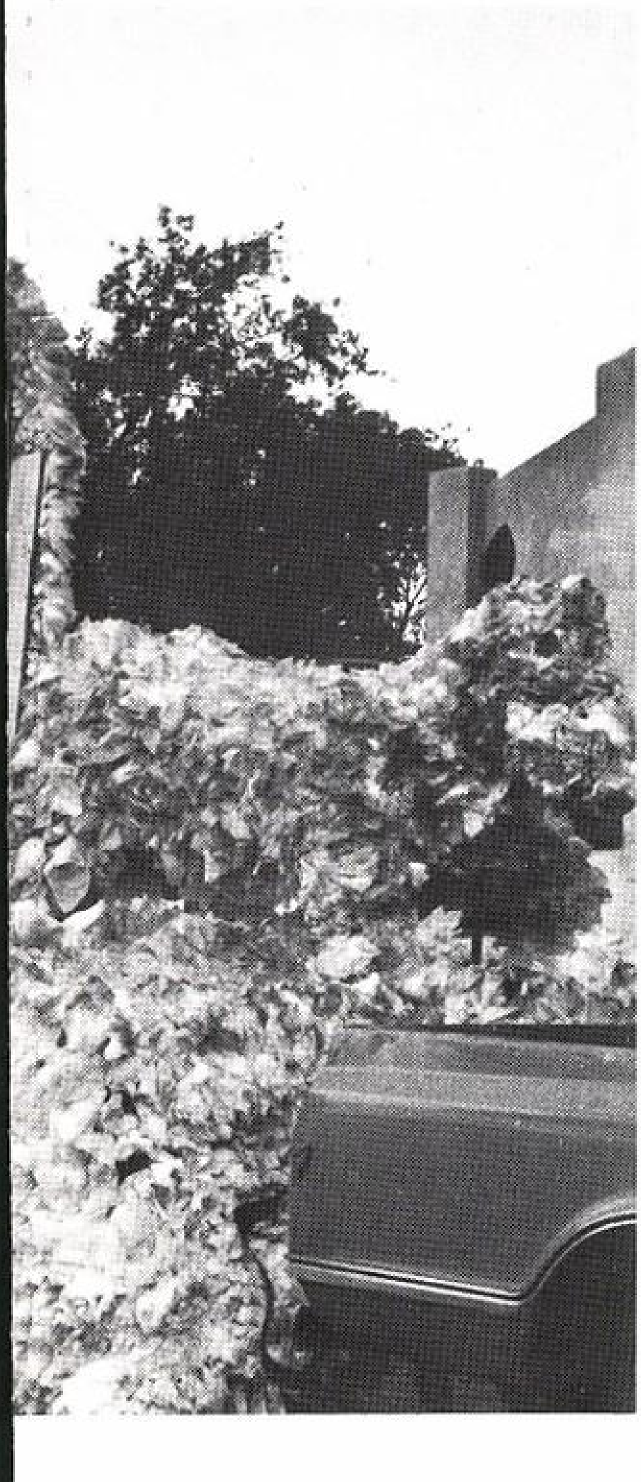


A hush filled the gym; then Linda Meinsen was queen: "I was so happy. Tears just filled my eyes. The first thing I saw when I walked out was a flash and kids yelling and slapping. It was so beautiful." Head Boy Dennis Retherford placed the crown for Linda. It slipped.



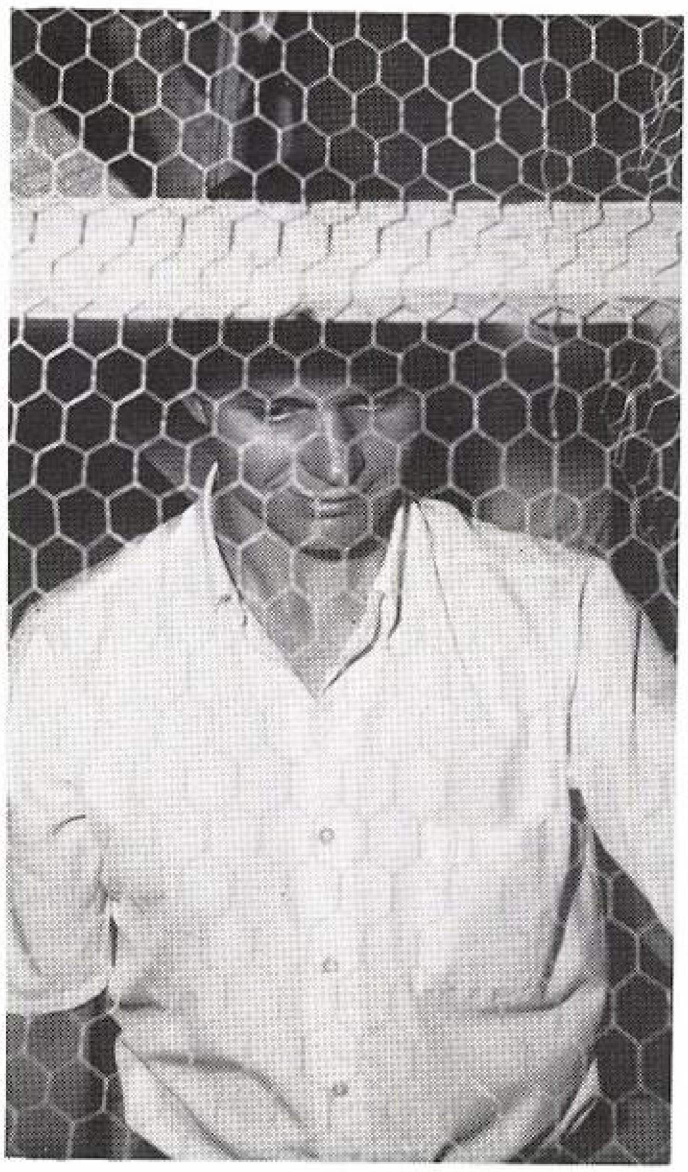
Wily juniors won the float competition with their entry, left, *Onward, Wildcats! Victory Ho!* At far left are royal attendants Marlene McBride, Janet Rowe and Lyn Cronk trying not to look soggy. That's Larry Watkins on the float.

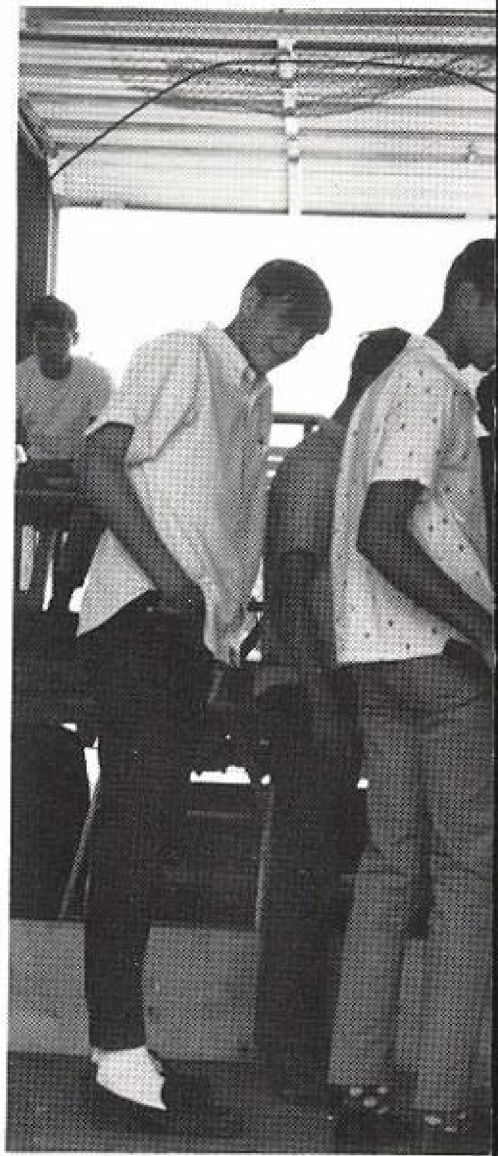
Thursday evening a bonfire topped with an outhouse blazed while screaming 'Cats showed their stuff in preparation for the battle with Nucla. Later a chain of laughing, shouting fans snakedanced to circle park for another pep rally.

Gene Shaw Performed a Barnyard Farce As Seniors Built a Loser

Seniors did not rush into building a float; once started they were left weak from laughter at Gene Shaw's imitations of a cow and donkey. Sherri Arbogast did a duck, then Patty Maluy joined the barnyard symphony. Work came to a virtual standstill. On Parade Day St. Peter made the scene in a wig borrowed from Donna Raff. In the scramble to get finished, seniors lost track of time and missed much of the downpour while other entries waited patiently in the rain. The most common reaction to the senior float was, "What is it?" One senior shrugged and said, "Who knows?"

Senior Ernie Boswell, right, inspects the innards of the fourth-place entry. Drill Team, below, marched mirrored in street. Joann Jacquez paraded the colors during the 1:30 p.m. show on Main.





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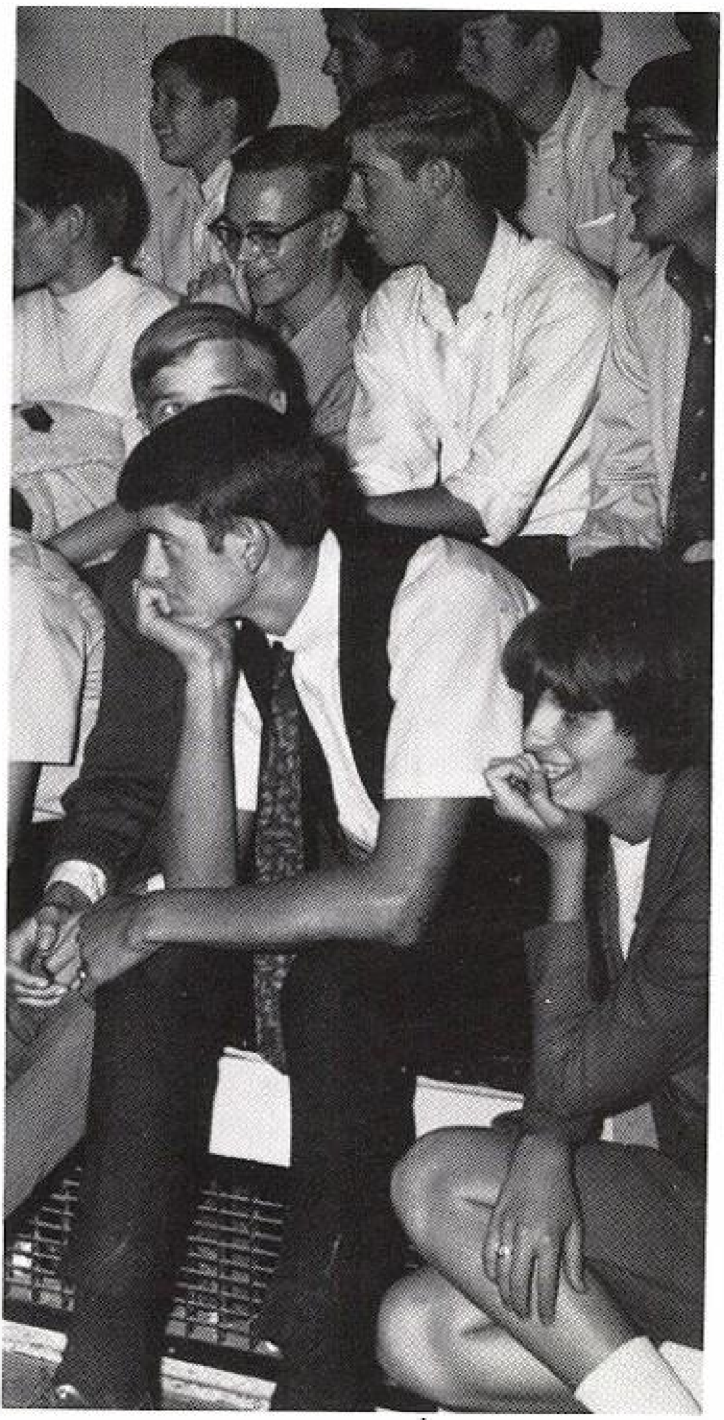


Juniors, top center and right, are Jim Carlucci, John Silence, Duane Kiefer, Rick McGranahan, Jackie Guccini, Ken Blanchard, Gary Fitzner, Jackie Huskey and Arnonda Greenhow. Above are Verlan Goss and Don Bristol; at left are Don Wynkoop, Bill Williams, Larry Romero, Clyde Haller, Roger Mackey, Robert Martin, Mike Koenig, Steve Hoback, Tim Tomlinson and Ruby Russell at the pep rally.

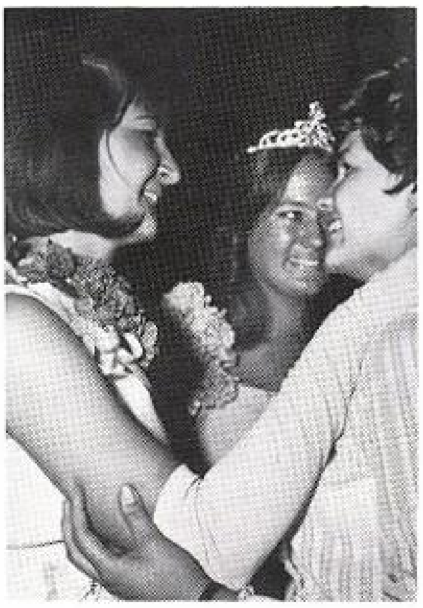
Pep Club Awarded 'Cats a "Lucky"

Pepster Kathy McIntyre carried joyous best wishes to radiant Janet Rowe and Queen Linda Meinsen after the assembly.

When waiting Wildcats learned their queen was Linda Meinsen, Gail Meinsen cried; Burlena Musselman cried. And Linda Meinsen shed a tear, too.

Future Farmers and Future Homemakers won third place honors with "Plow Up Those Mustangs in Style" as theme.

A surprised Mr. David Silver accepted a green good luck cake replica of a football field given by the Pep Club.



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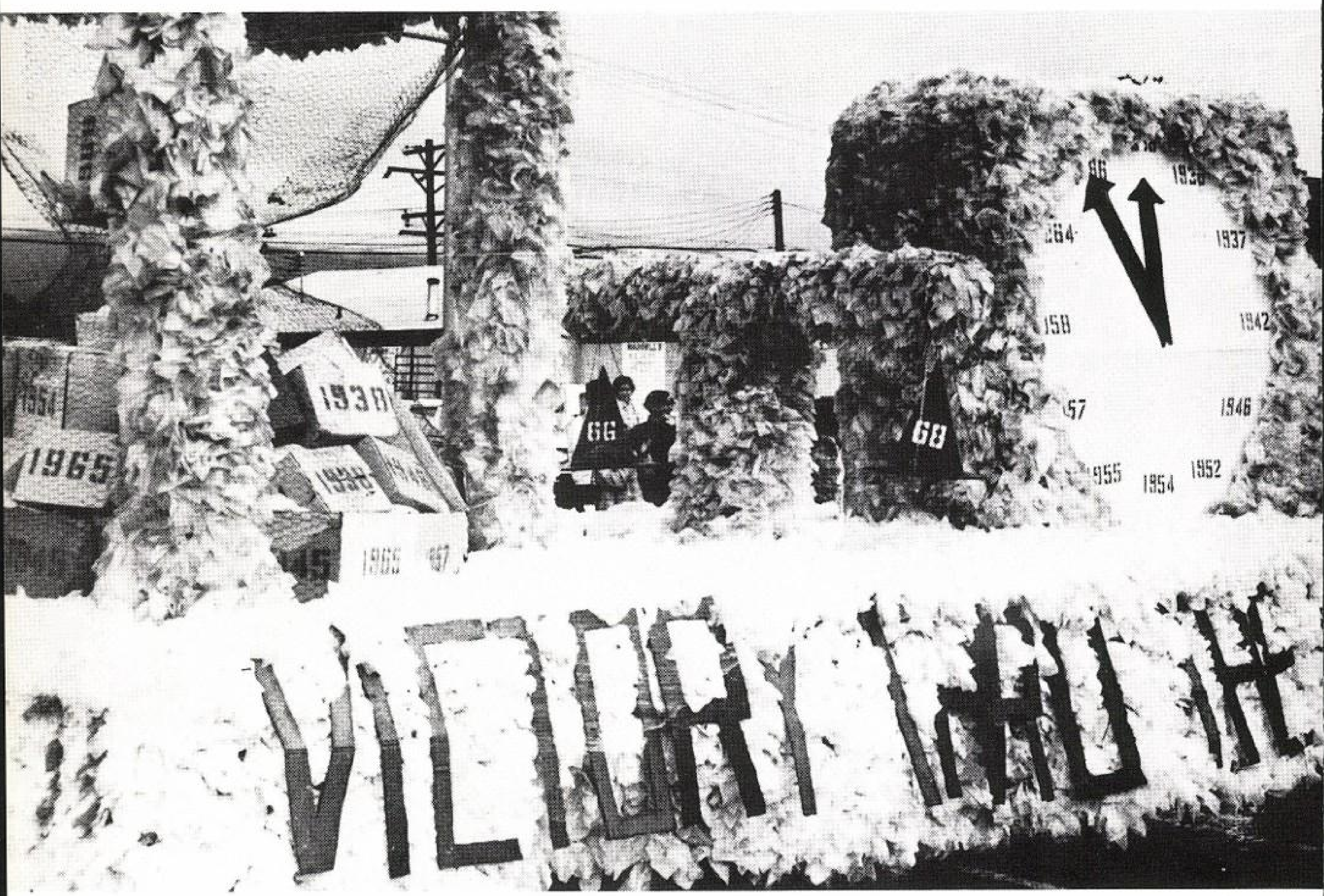
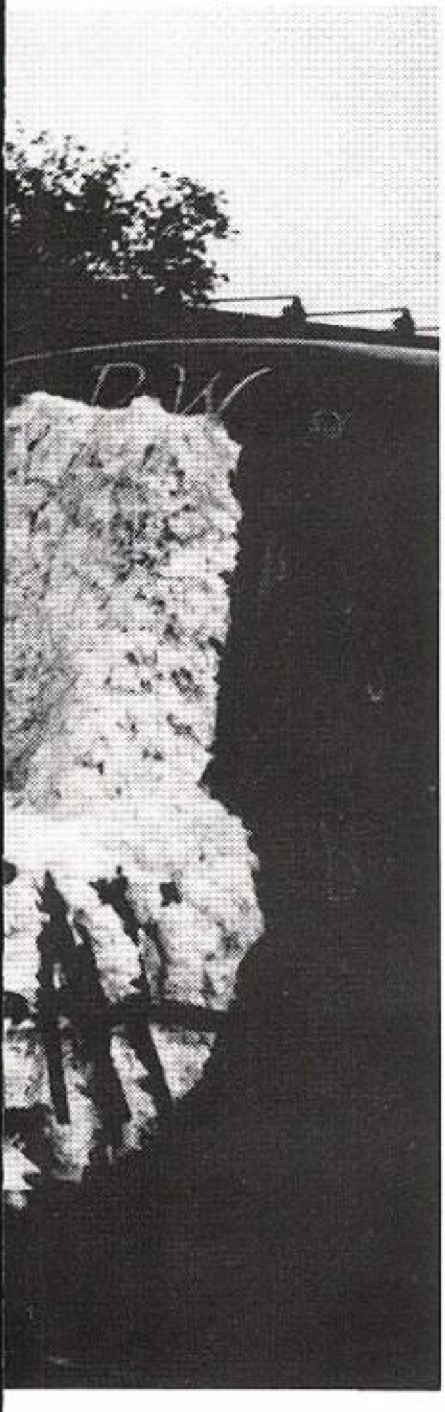


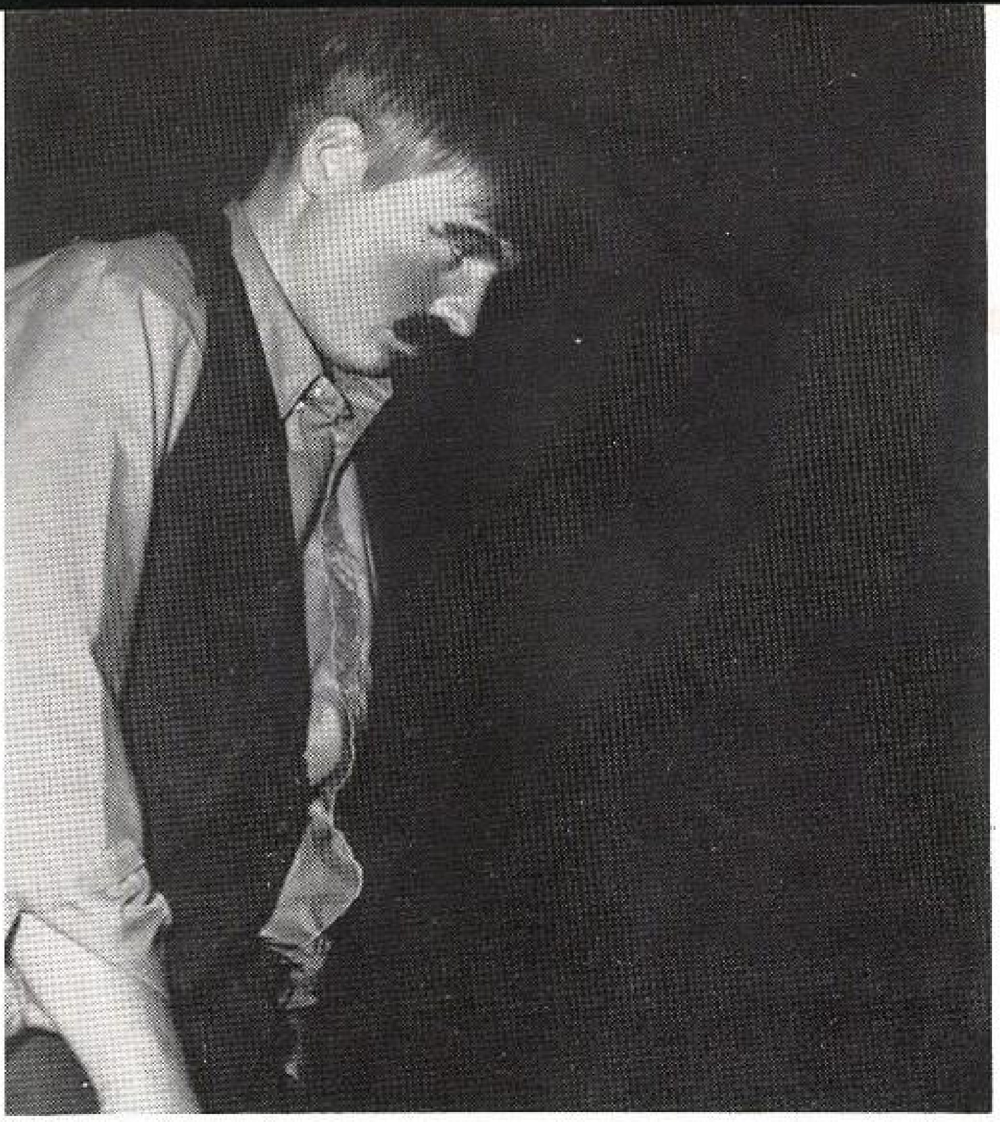
Homecoming made dents in homework; no one got to bed before midnight as float-building progressed. Hat Day and Bow Day, along with Freeze Day, took their toll. Such memories! Mary Kay Mogenson and Ruby Russell presented the Pep Club cake to Coach David Silver, who quipped that Coach Zybura would never miss another assembly. Susan Withrow fell off a ladder and smashed much work already completed on the junior float. It was John Silence who caused the fall. Five juniors hid inside their float holding it together for the parade. By-standers said the junior horse looked more like a dog. Sophomores' second-place entry, above, "Wildcats Deliver Victory Through the Years," was the result of energetic cooperation and an early head start. And finally, Mr. Walden George and Mr. Marion Littlepage broke a car window lowering the top.

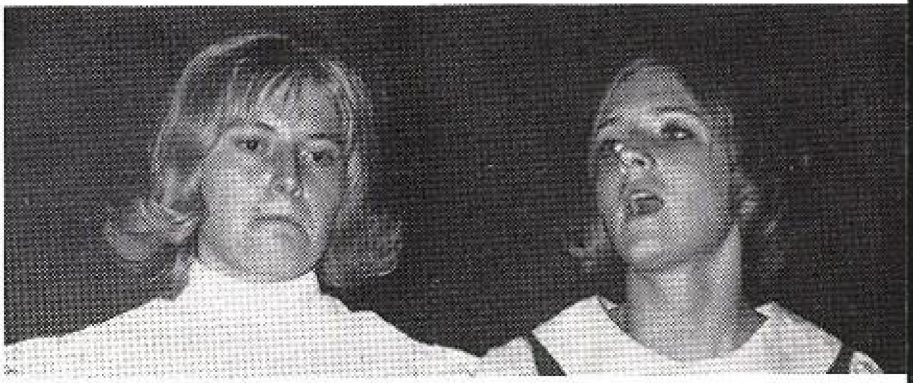
Cake

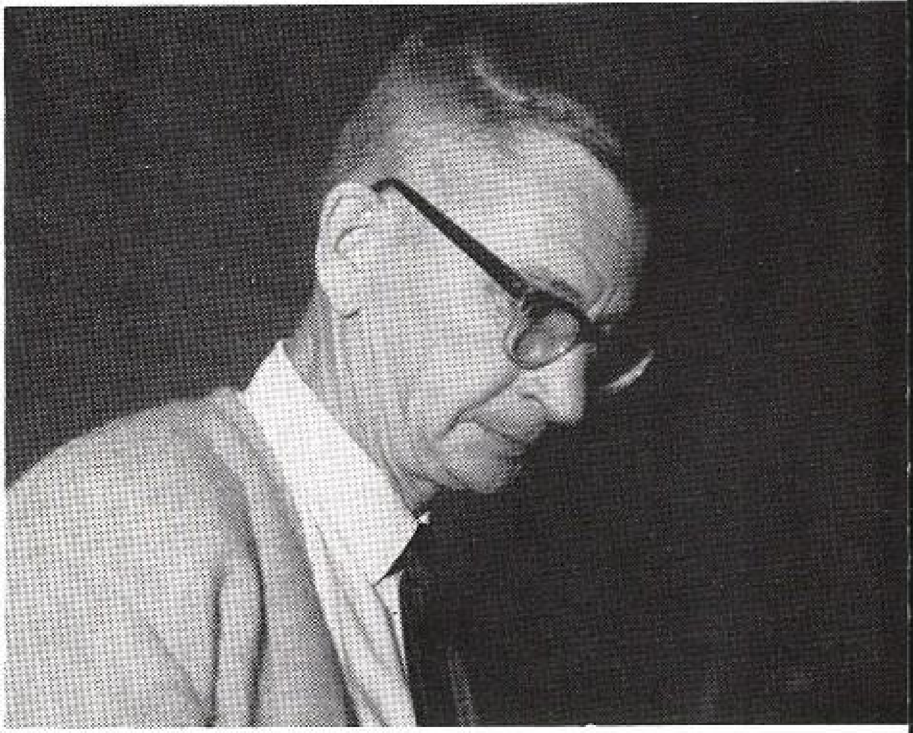


A protective Mr. David Silver watched over the magic cake while Mr. Tom Rieniets, Jackie Guccini, Jerry Johnston and Mr. Sam Parker lent their attention to the German Club's skit. The homecoming assembly was well attended, zesty.

Crowning a perfect week with perfect finishing touches, Mickey Bosshardt hit paydirt for three T-D's; Linda Meinsen received three standing ovations, and Dennis Retherford kissed the queen three times. Co-captain Norman Vincent presented Queen Linda with a dozen red roses and bussed her in turn. Seniors' "Remember the Little Things," above, did not place, but Ruby Russell, Donna Raff and Don Bristol did a fine job decorating for the dance; Yvonne Bunnell was dance chairman. It was a fairyland in blue and white wizardry.







Our Town Scored

Mr. Elton Crow,
Director

Risking a dramatic change-of-pace in theater offerings, Fruita's mimic players staged *Our Town,* Thornton Wilder's poignant story of life, love and death. Lilting with the freshness of young love in lilac time and touched with deep, rending sorrow of untimely death and separation, the happy-sad production left Wildcats emotionally weak, wildly applauding, talking of returning for a second night even before the final curtain came down. Directed by Mr. Elton Crow, the November 21 staging produced superlative, powerfully moving performances by Larry Stutler and Patty Maluy, who finished the work as prima donna in FHS theater for '69. Patty was so involved in her role to which she gave her all that during show days she wept openly in class, unashamed.

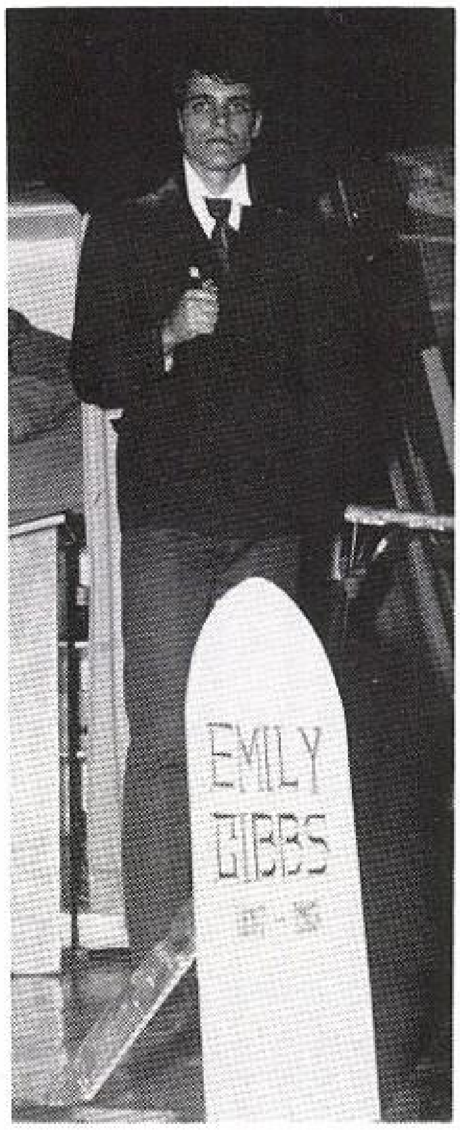
A Dramatic Triumph

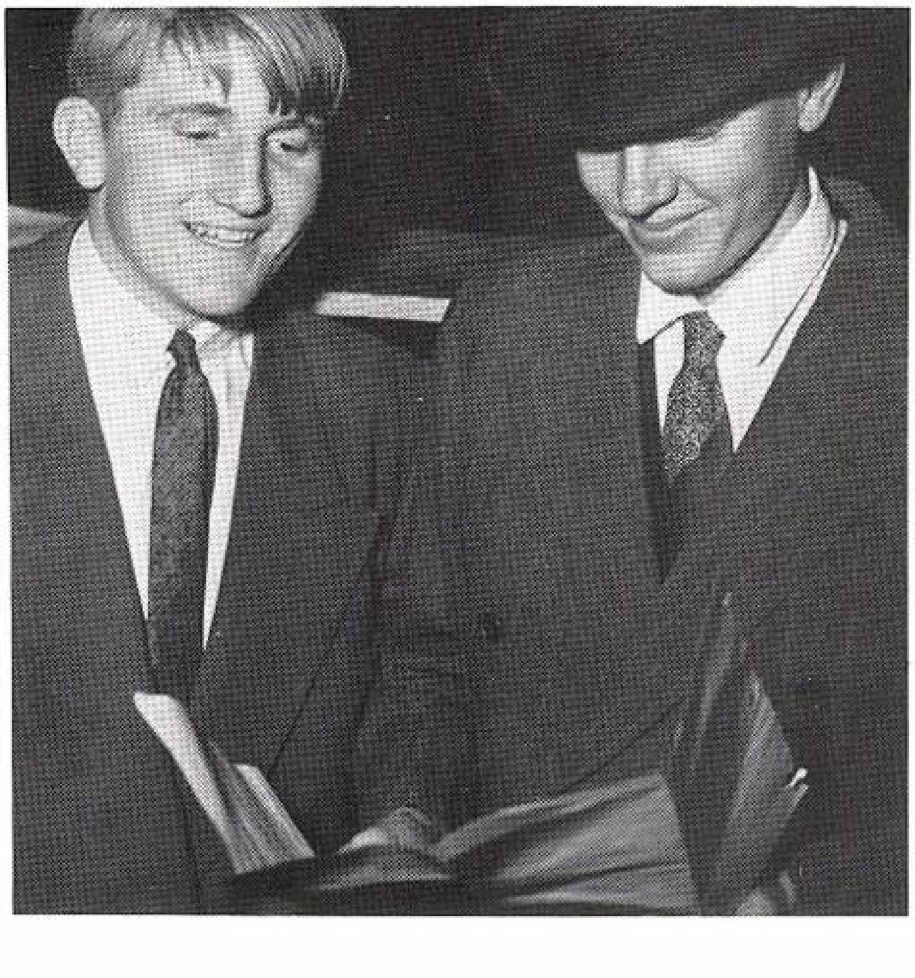
Wedded in Grover's Corners, George Gibbs was portrayed by Glenn Erkman, and Emily Webb by Patty Maluy. Opposite are Gene Shaw, Larry Stutler, Lennie Rich, Elly Rodriguez, Susan Kettle, Patty Maluy and Mr. Elton Crow, who directed the highly successful production.

Sparkling within a still-fresh dream of a long, happy marriage and a fruitful life, newlyweds (Glenn Erkman and Patty Maluy) whisked down the theater aisle after the wedding scene, right. Everything but the bride's shoes looked dreamy.

Fruita Applauded Orchids

Wesley White, below, left, portrayed the Grover's Corners drunk, Simon Stimson, reeling pitiably. Buried in grief, George Gibbs (Glenn Erkman) weeps inwardly at the graveside of his once-lively and vivacious bride, gone from his sight forever.





Kicking butterflies before curtain time proved difficult at first; players knew that *Our Town* would step a little nervously into the footlights to perform for an audience atuned to lighthearted comedy or slapstick farce. But the curtain rose, and cast members plunged into their story. *Our Town* was a giant step toward a meaningful experience for actors treading the boards. As scenes drifted by, the house became captivated within *Our Town's* electrified calm and tension mounted. Viewers were anything but disappointed; they certainly were never bored. Larry Stutler, as the sage old philosopher, was warmly convincing.

At Left:
Mr. Ray Tompkins
Ken Raff
Ed Quest
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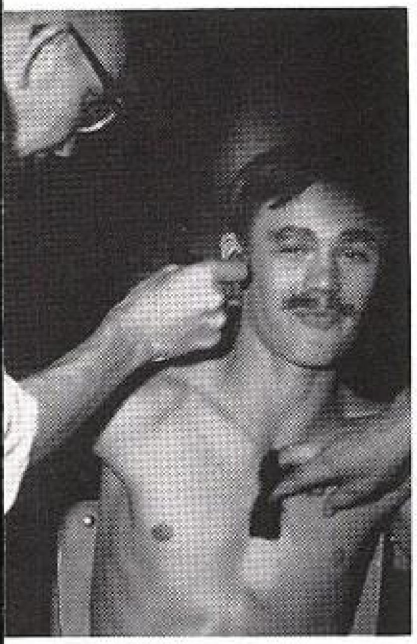
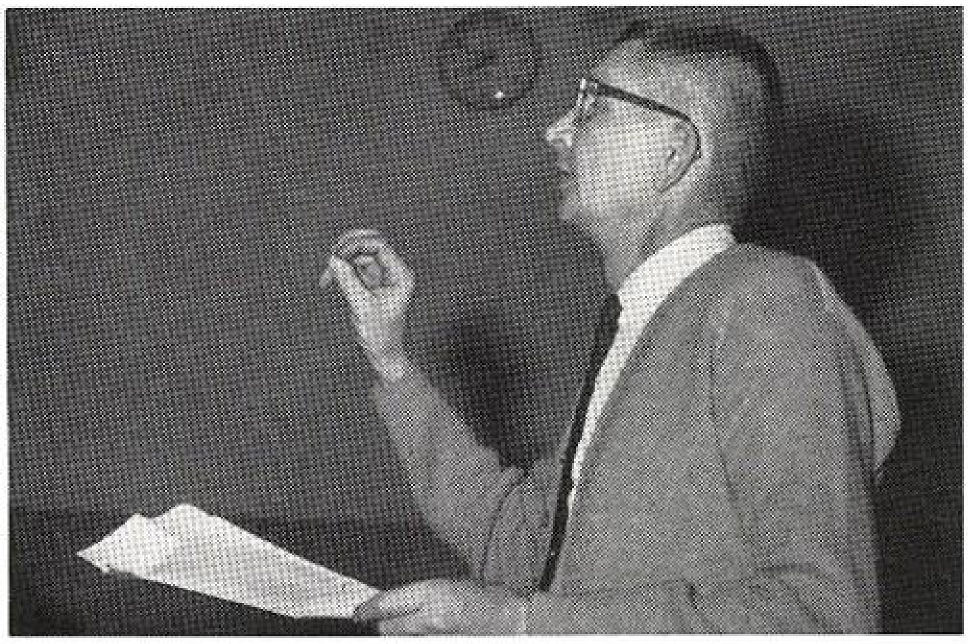
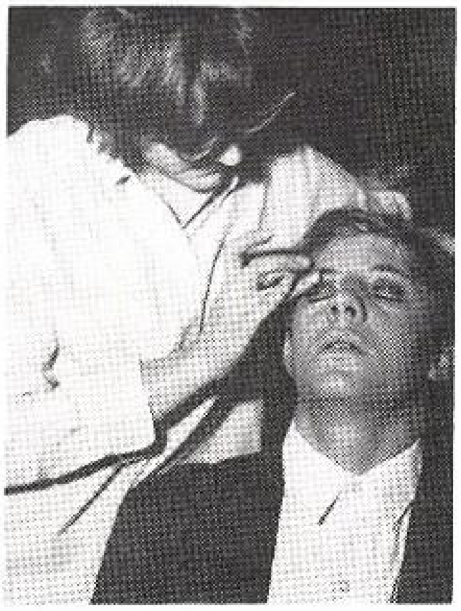
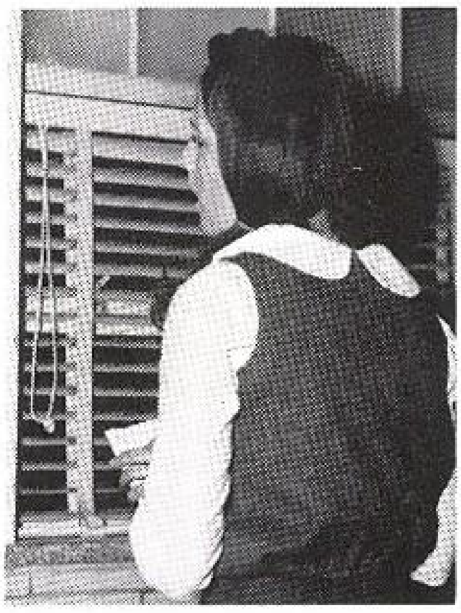
Director Elton Crow, below, contended with illness and slow line memorization among cast members. Stoically, he day-by-day brought the production to audience readiness November 21.

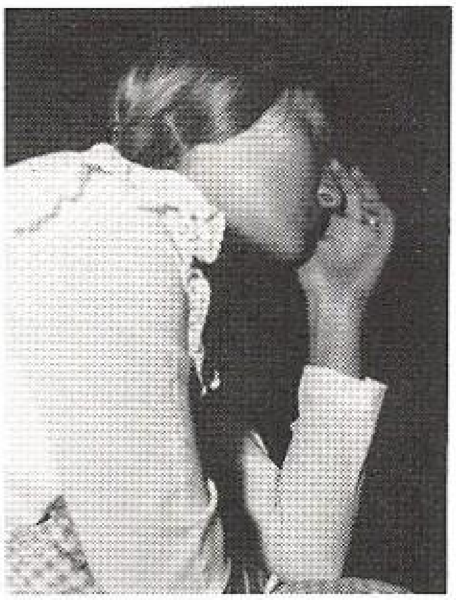


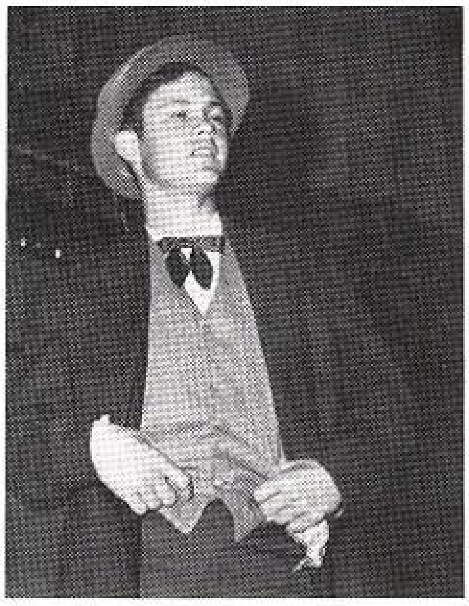


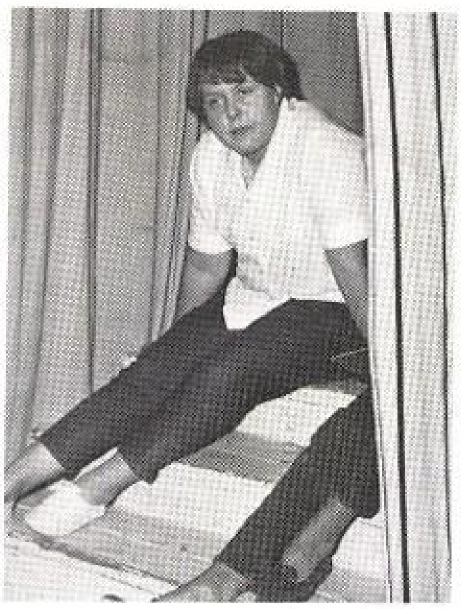
Lending a hand with the make-up, Director Elton Crow helps with the metamorphosis of Robert VanMatre into Mr. Webb, above, center. At left are Larry Stutler and Gary Barcus, who played Constable Warren, engaged in jest between *Our Town* scenes.

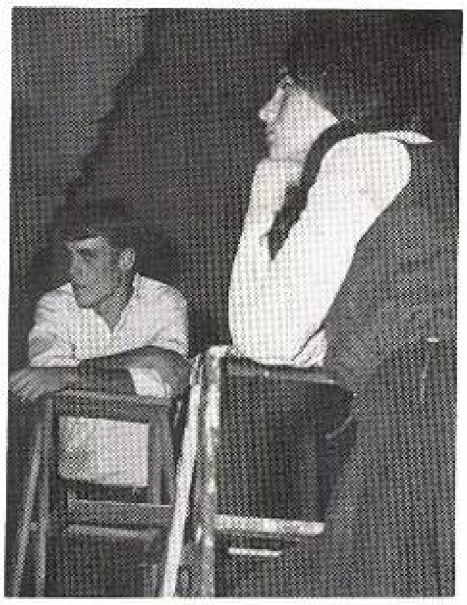
About the third week of rehearsal, Director Elton Crow admitted that his selection of a more serious drama might have been a mistake. By curtain-down November 21, he had only praise for a cast that surpassed his most fervent hopes. The play hit.

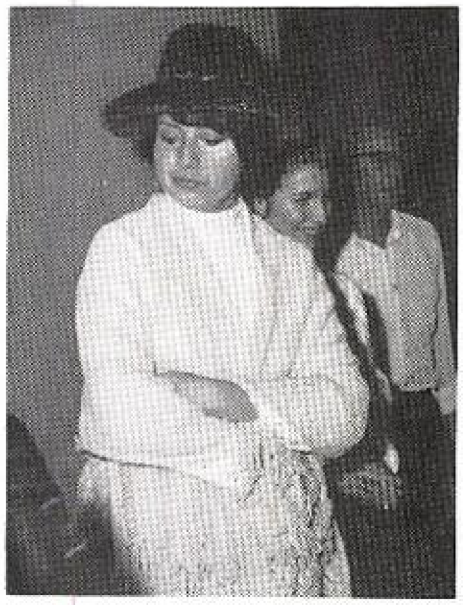






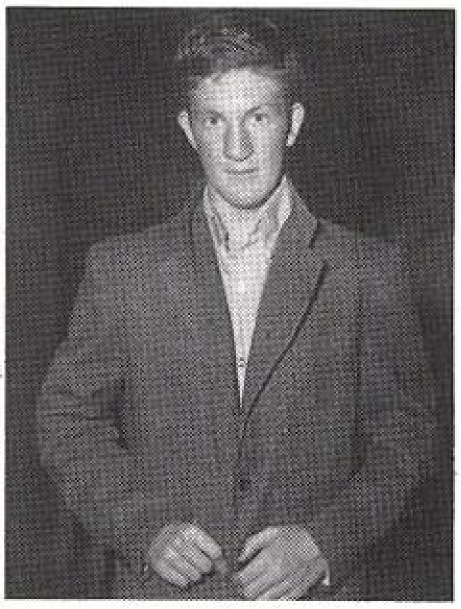


Holding the audience spell-bound, far left, is Larry Stutler as the Stage Manager. Michele Thistle served as student director for the cast. Next are Patty Maluy and Susan Kettle as Mrs. Webb in the wedding scene. Stan Koziol, chatting here with Mr. Elton Crow, played the part of Howie Newsome. Next are Michele Thistle at rehearsal and Patty Maluy with Glenn Erkman. Chaos was the rule backstage before curtain time. Stagehands pasted on parts, and players washed them off in the next instant. Last-minute line study and costume alteration caused pulses to quicken, too. By show time, an agonized, frightened feeling lay heavy in the room.



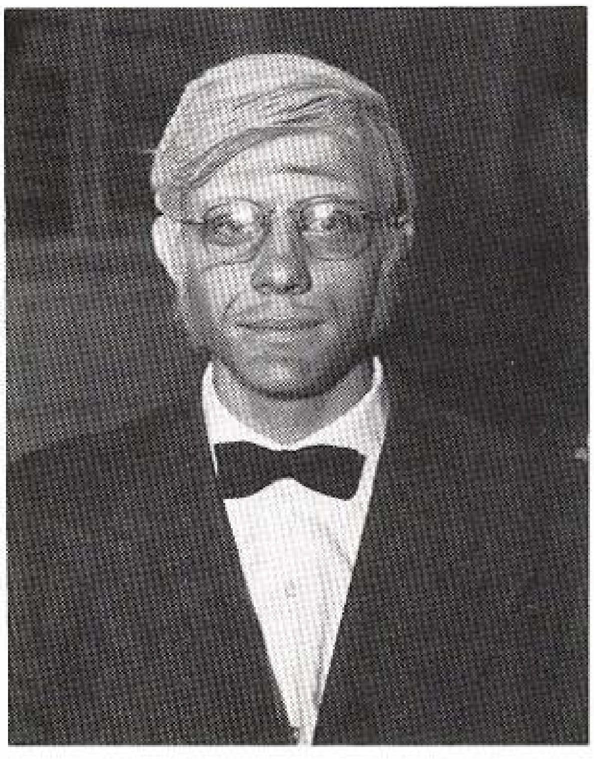
Wearing a happy smile to her house for a cast party following the successful first-night opening was Joyce Cole, far left. Marilyn Richards added years to Dale Tompkins; next are Patty Maluy and Janice Bristol, both in pensive moods. At the cast party Gene Shaw and Danny Webb, who played Wally Webb, did creative things with the refreshments. Elly Rodriguez was a picture of disdain momentarily; behind her are Joyce Bousman and Mr. Elton Crow. Following *Our Town's* gala opening, Mr. Crow said, "I haven't felt that creative in a long time." Ridiculous antics backstage were a show in themselves not open to the public.

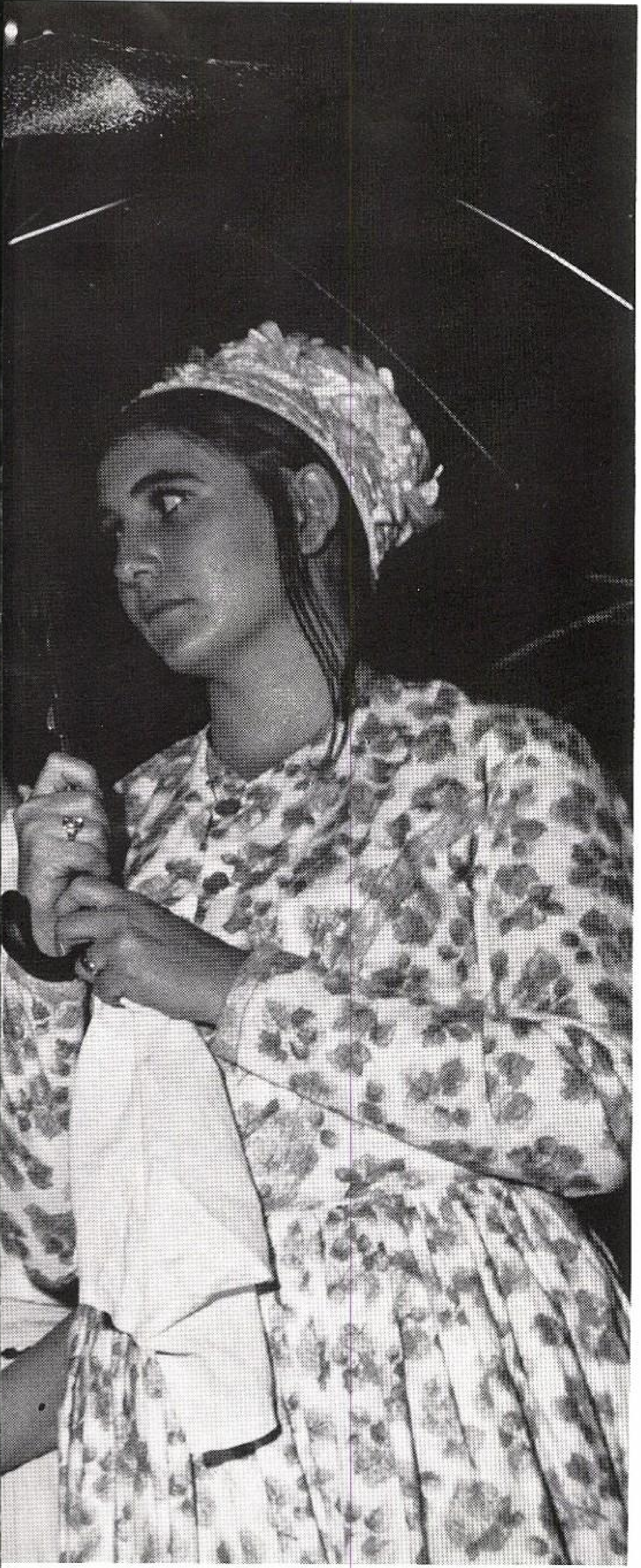
Not always emotionally up for her part, Susan Kettle found respite i quiet musing, far left. Mr. and Mrs. Elton Crow were radiant at the cast party. Tom Gibson was an extra for the cast. For sophomore Bob VanMatre, rehearsals meant concentration interjected into the lighter moments. JoAdair Welch played a Grover's Corner native, as did Joyce Cole and Yvonne Bunnell. Other members of the *Our Town* players were Steve Hoback as Joe Crowell, Jr., Ernest Boswell as Joe Stoddard, Costa Watson, Janet Siddens, Sheila Sewell and Larry Reed as townspeople. Jackie Huskey and Pam Baker handled the sound.



James Stewart of Grand Junction offered advice for making-up Larry Stutler, far left. An aroma of moth balls and musk greeted Stage Manager Marilyn Richards and Ernest Boswell as they dragged out old costumes from previous plays for repair. Joe Muths, who played "Tall Man in Back of Auditorium," was seldom missing when laughter was at hand. Patty Maluy and Danny Webb are next. Arlene Twitchell found delight in the rose arbor. Glenn White, Jim Anderson, Chris Osborn and Larry Bond were in charge of lighting. Don Bristol and Marilyn Richards handled staging, and Donna Raff, along with Carol Fry, was prompter for the show.

Responding to Wilder's characters with an entire spectrum of human emotion, Fruita's painted players proved that the notion of 'school play' can be a significant experience verging on art. At live performances Director Crow's sterling cast pulled out all stops so that handkerchiefs were a-flutter beyond the footlights. Ninety per cent perspiration and ten per cent inspiration, the eight weeks leading to the hurrahs were a kick. Stan Koziol was uncanny as Howie Newsome, and Elly Rodriguez, below, as always, was super. Pam Baker and Jackie Huskey sprinkled the action with a tinkle of milk bottles, whinnies of horses, clucking of hens.

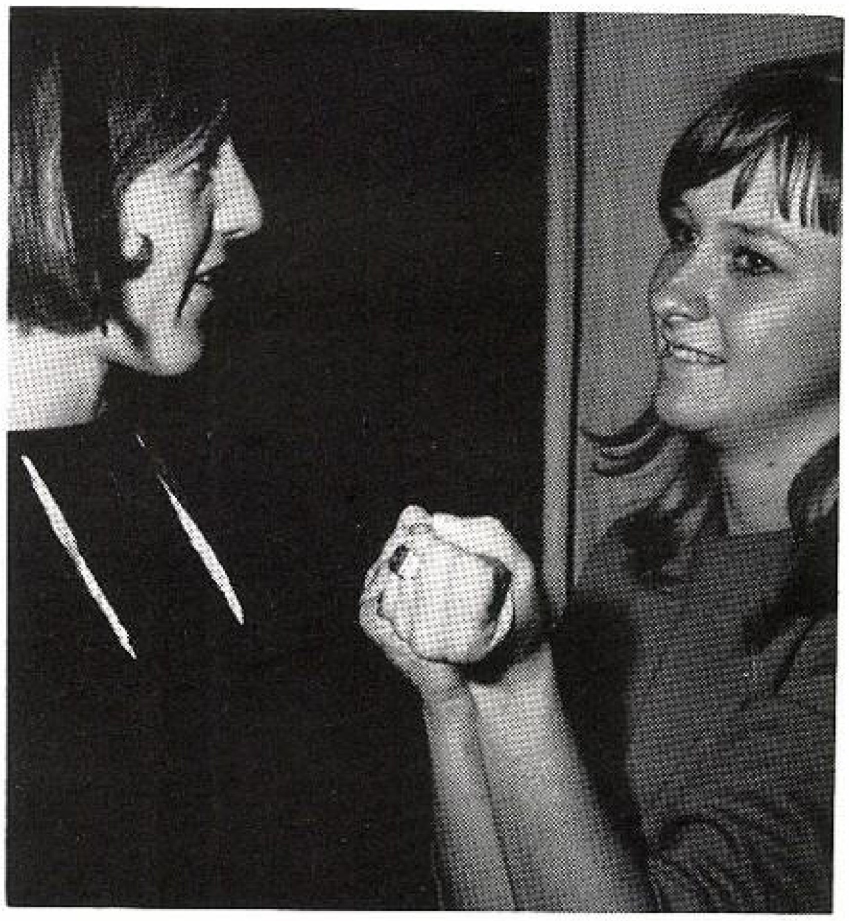


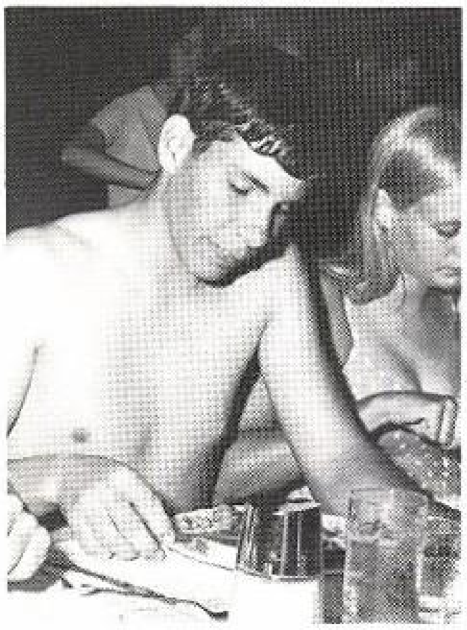
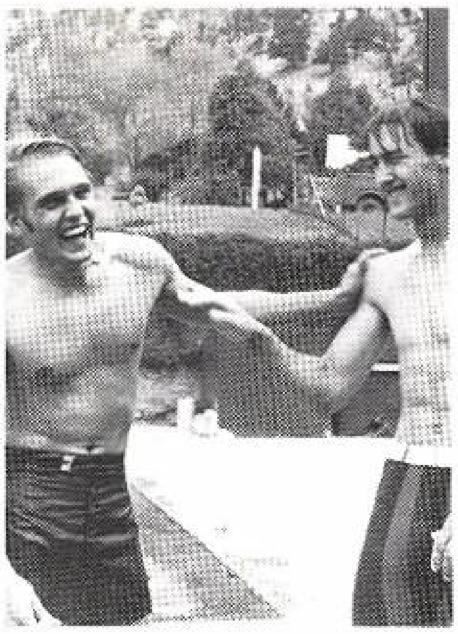


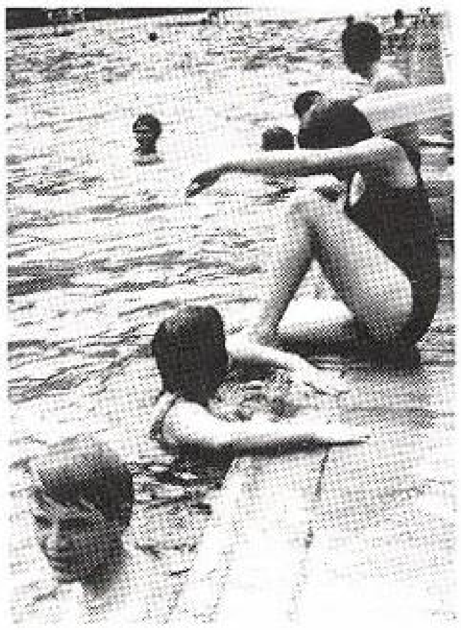
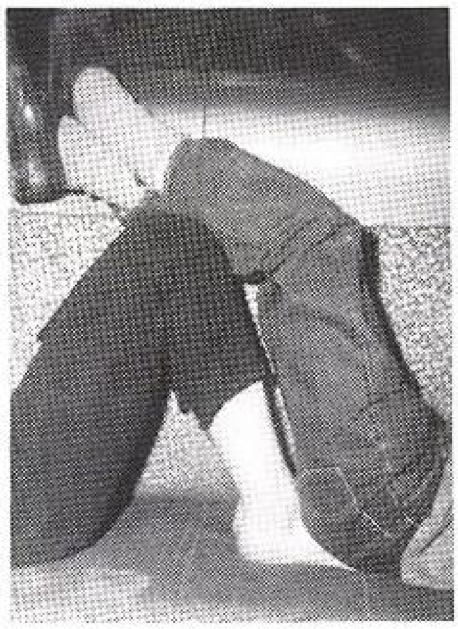
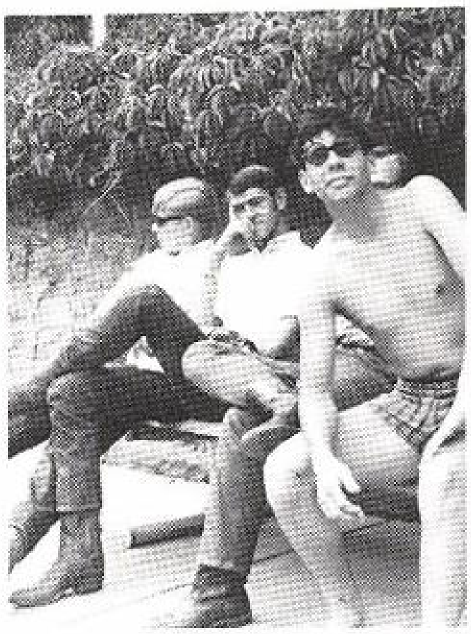
Grover's Corners townswomen Joyce Cole and Yvonne Bunnell, left, mourn the sudden death of Emily Webb with an impassioned purity. Opposite, center, are Patty Maluy and Glenn Erkman discussing the future of Emily and George. At bottom, opposite are Elly Rodriguez and Dale Tompkins.

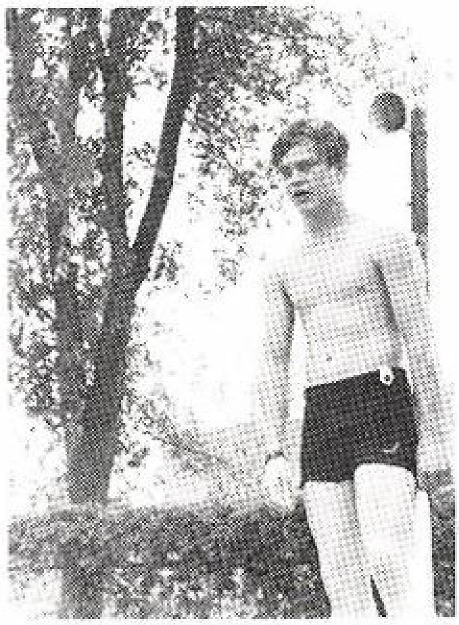
Creative Stagecraft Delighted Audiences

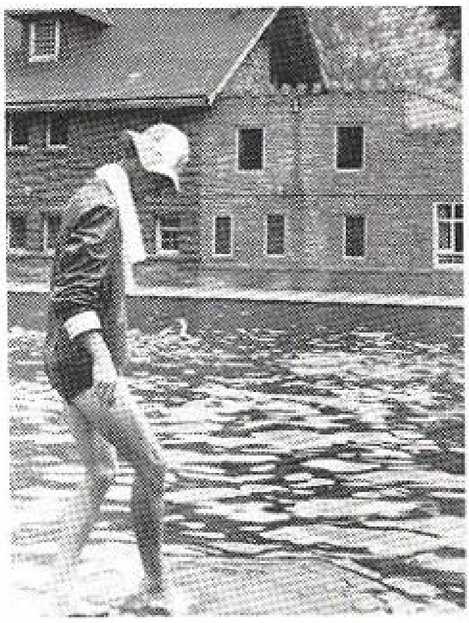
Lennie Rich takes advantage of a breather to chat with Gail Burwell, below. Joyce Bousman also had time on her hands, so she popped out needles and yarn. Costa Watson, Marilyn Richards, Yvonne Bunnell, Mary Kay Mogenson and Susie Withrow were responsible for costumes and make-up; Sandra Peach and Sandra Bender provided organ music, and Mr. Patrick Veerkamp's art class designed the programs. *Our Town* was a show to remember!



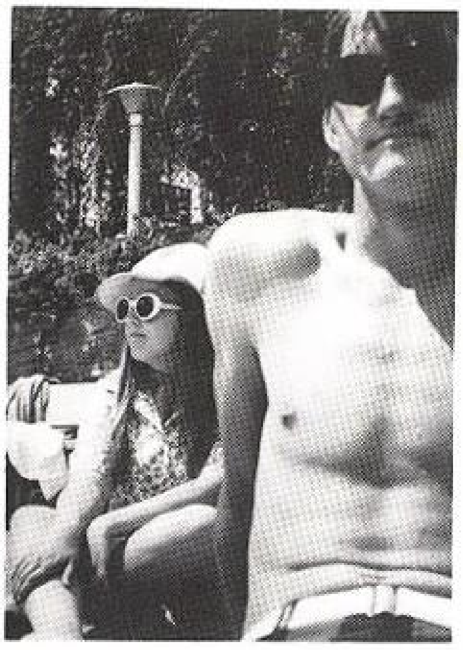


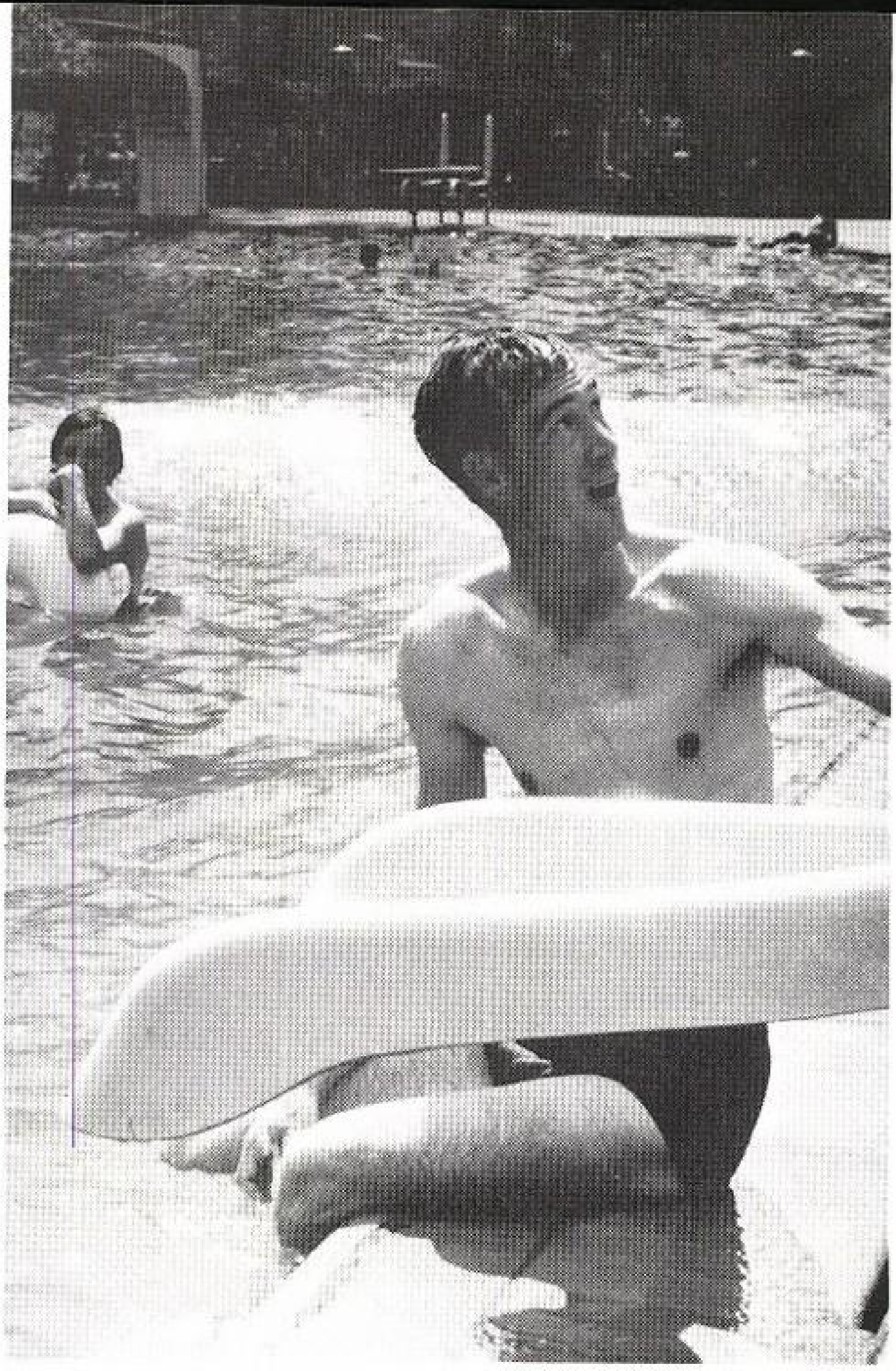


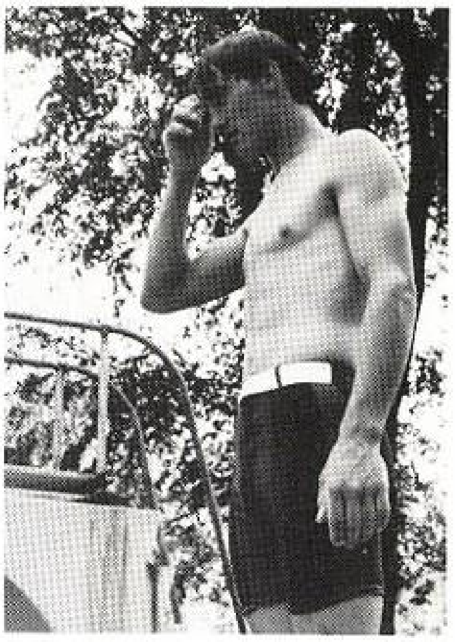
TOP ROW: Paul Kochevar and Linda Meinsen grab a bite; Joe Muths and Stan Koziol josh it up; Bill Williams and Nianza Green knew the outing would be a scream; Joyce Bousman and Janette Clark are next, then Connie Wilson, Mr. Marion Little Page and Stan Koziol.

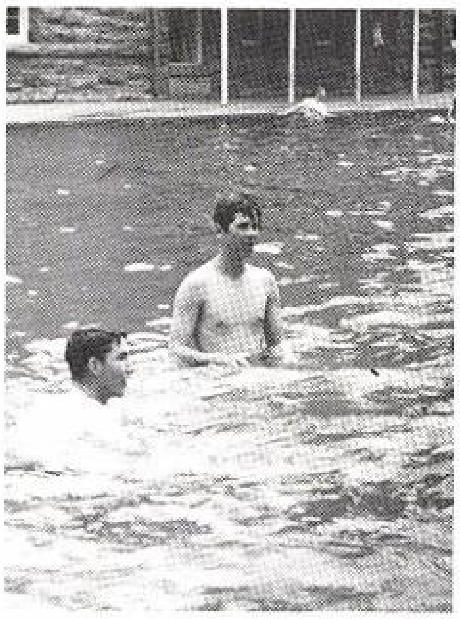
MIDDLE ROW: Dale Tompkins found some afternoon solitude; Larry Stutler, Joe Beckstein and Steve Seal found the heated pool a cool place; the trip home was a quiet affair; Gene Shaw, Tim Tomlinson and Paul Kochevar warmed the bench. Opposite are Milo McBride and Verlan Goss, then Phil Serve, Don Wynkoop, Terry Marinelli and Larry Noetzelmann with Dan Daniels revitalizing for another dip.

BOTTOM ROW: Charlotte Dick, an outdoor girl, lavished in the sun; Swany Monger made a big splash at pool-side; Sandra Nelson and Leona Kettle chatted idly after a hectic day and Mr. David Silver tried the water's temperature with his tootsie. At right are Marlene Smith, Larry Stutler, Dianne Raff, Yvonne Bunnell and Robert Martin making a gala affair of the class sneak-day plunge.









Sun-goddess Connie Wilson soaked it up while classmates joked it up in the sparkling pool. Only a rare handful of seniors failed to attend the '69 bake-in, and even the sponsors had a fine fete.

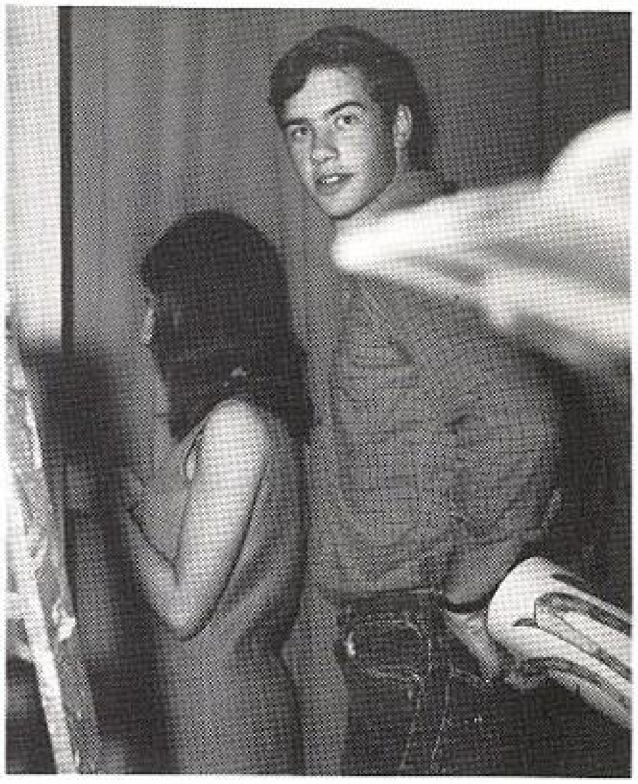
Seniors Bowed Out With a Splash

Wide awake, half asleep or completely zapped from making the scene at every Farewell Woodsie, seniors were up and waiting for the dawn May 16. Swim togs in hand and an appetite for fun gnawing at their innards, the Class of '69 skipped merrily schoolward where two chartered buses and four hazy-eyed sponsors waited, the latter half-hoping that it might snow. Embarking for Glenwood Springs, the boistrous entourage let it all hang out, for May 16 was a magic number signalling an end to all school work, and would-be grads were as good as gone. It was a jubilant day, sunny for the most part; 'Cat cheer reached its high-water mark. Returning home wan, wilted and weak, the Class of '69 was at its best — subdued. A month earlier Sneak Day had seemed like *Mission Impossible.* Examination of class finances had left seniors with that empty feeling, but they made it, and later their sole aim was to go, man, as in leave. So they did, June 5.

Strait-laced Villainy Left Wildcat Theater Goers In Stitches

O woe! O misery! Villainy is afoot. It lives in the heart of none other than Fleetwood Dashaway (Chris Osborn), above, unprincipled scoundrel, well-schooled in evil deeds (and property deeds). Note his suave manner, his elegant posture — his clean fingers — but do not be deceived by his oiled tongue. Most vile of all mankind! Fleetwood Dashaway it was who deserted fragile Hyacinth Haven (Sheila Sewell), opposite, top, at the alter. Cruel world! And now he seeks to win over old lady Moneycracker and her (drool!) money.

Fitzjohn Oliphant (Larry Watkins), strong and manly hero whose heart is pure because his intentions are honorable, astounds doll-like heroine Hyacinth Haven, left, during a tete-a-tete as the plot thickens. Gail Hampton, top, left, costumed as the willful Linette Darwoo, rests momently backstage between scenes in the fast-moving farce. The one-act melodrama was staged to raise funds for speech students entering state competitions.



JoAdair Welch prompted the hesitant hero and others from her spot at the curtain's edge. Bob Bangert periodically dashed on-stage with cue cards reading "Cheer!" or "Boo!"

Wily old Fleetwood Dashaway (Chris Osborn) has wormed his way into the confidence of Octavia Moneycracker (Mary Kay Mogenson), a society matron who is, among other things, cold, snobbish and RICH. Her obtuse young daughter, portrayed by Dianne Pullins, is innocent and beautifully, deliciously RICH.

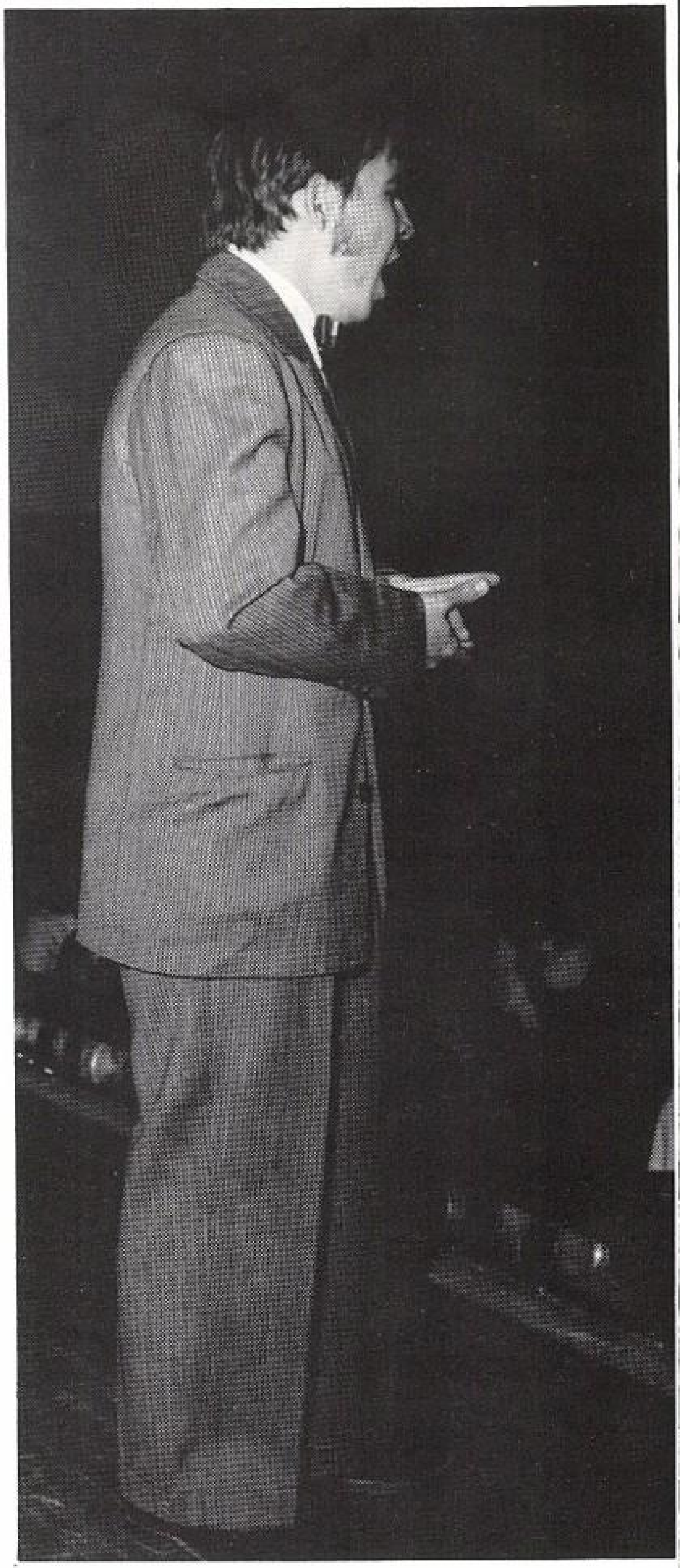
Heroics of near epic proportion abounded in the sportive unfolding of *He Done Her Wrong* or *Wedded, But No Wife!*, a waggish melodrama presented by Mr. Elton Crow's speech and drama class. Students also directed and staged the hilarious confrontation between Good and Evil. A lively audience, anxious to see Virtue prevail, hissed the snake-like villain and cheered the clear-eyed hero with obvious gusto. Ticket receipts paid for a speech trip to Boulder.

Handsome do-gooder Fitzjohn Oliphant (Larry Watkins), left, counsels his true love in ways to avoid the dreadful clutches of sour Fleetwood Dashaway. But beautiful Hyacinth Haven (Sheila Sewell), above, left, has problems she has not even bared. "How can I tell him I belong to another?" she cries.

Inimitable Bryan Beck in the title role of *The Education of Hyman Kaplan*, laments his plight by singing the melancholy strains of, *I've Never Felt Better In My Life* — from his jail cell. At right, facing page, Bryan as Hyman practices pronouncing his W's by articulating a ditty titled, *While We Were in Class Waiting*.

H*Y*M*A*N K*A*P*L*A*N

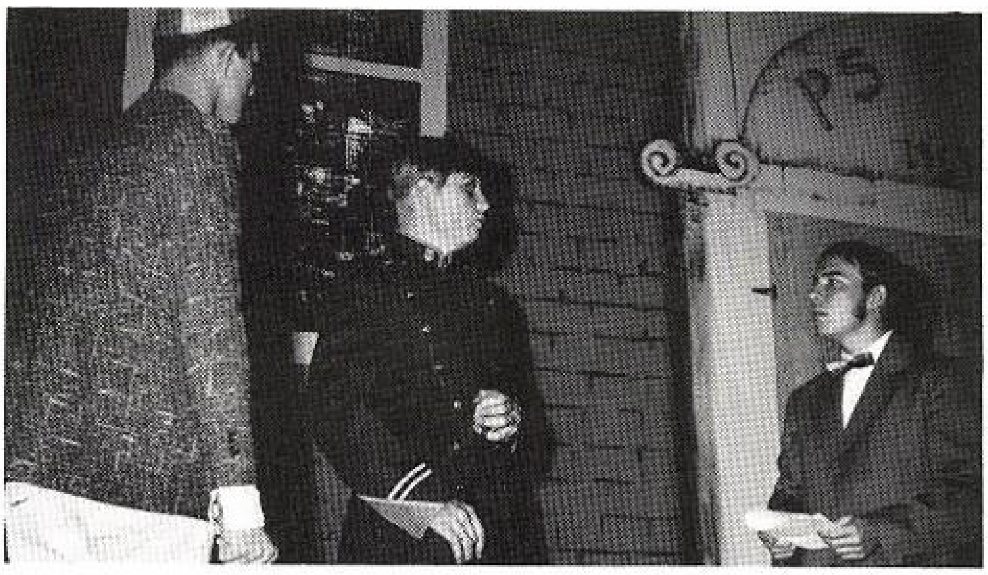
Musical director for Fruita's production of the Broadway smash hit, Mr. Ted Lorts, below, sets the scene for Jeannie Waggoner, Elly Rodriguez, Kathy Mason, Tom Gibson. Mixed Chorus and the 'Cat Choral Department supplied players and the vocal talent for staging of the musical comedy; Mr. Elton Crow, chief of FHS theatrics, provided technical direction for the huge cast.

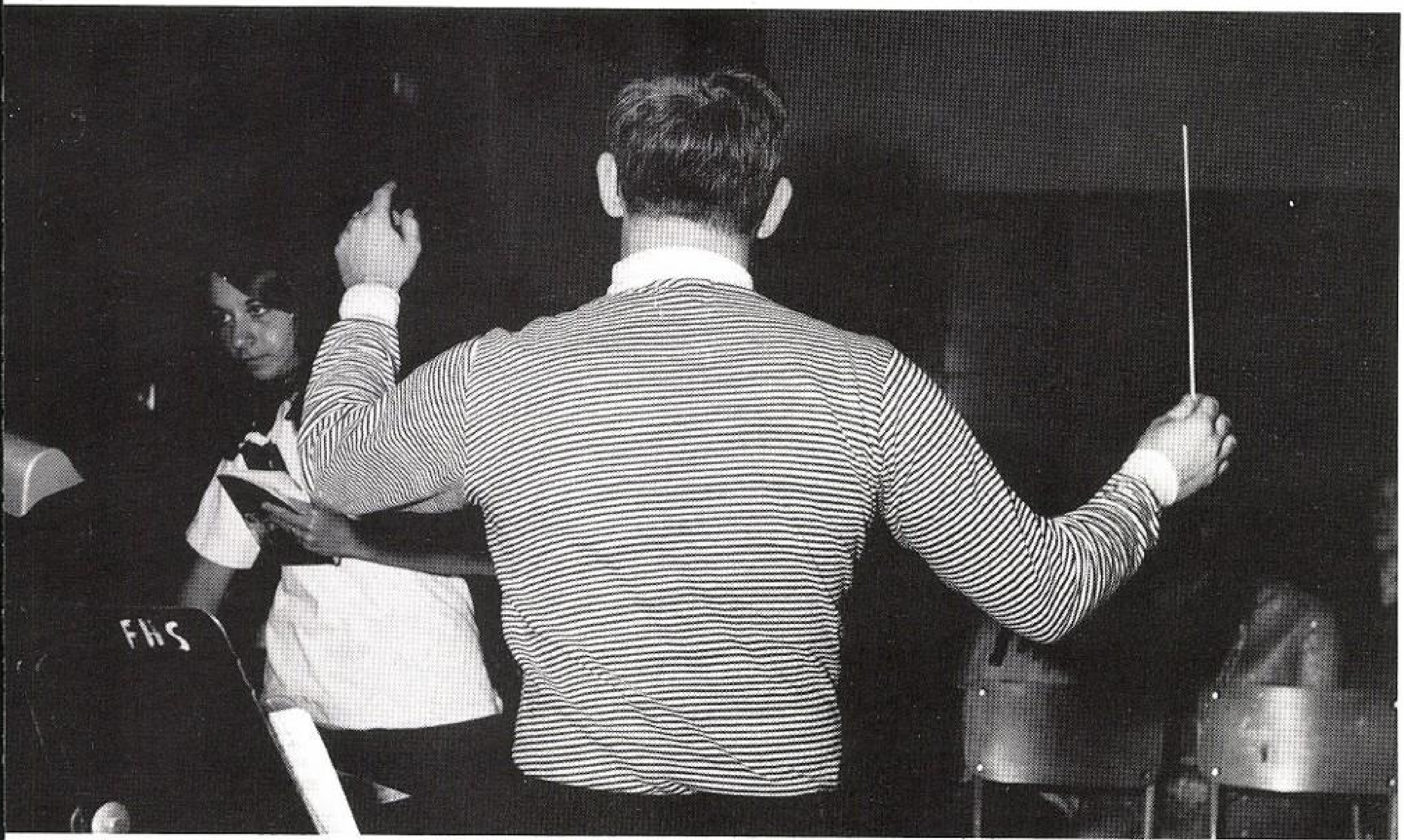


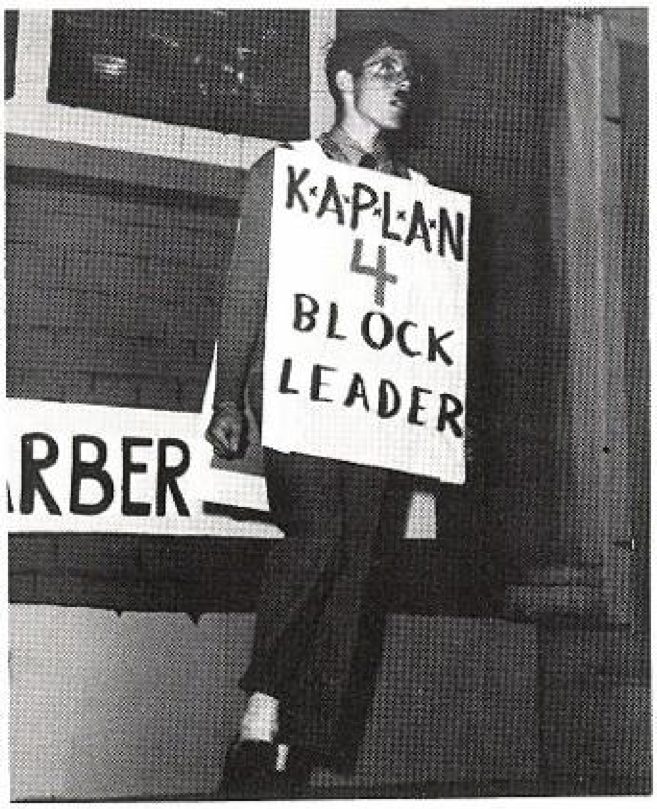
Dennis Price and Jeanne Heiny, right, both of whom played school teachers in the production cast, chat in the faculty lounge where Jeanne ribs her colleague for wanting to work in such a place. Dennis and Jeanne, like Bryan Beck, were working on their lines the evening before opening curtain, but by show time, they were ready for a rousing, flawless performance.

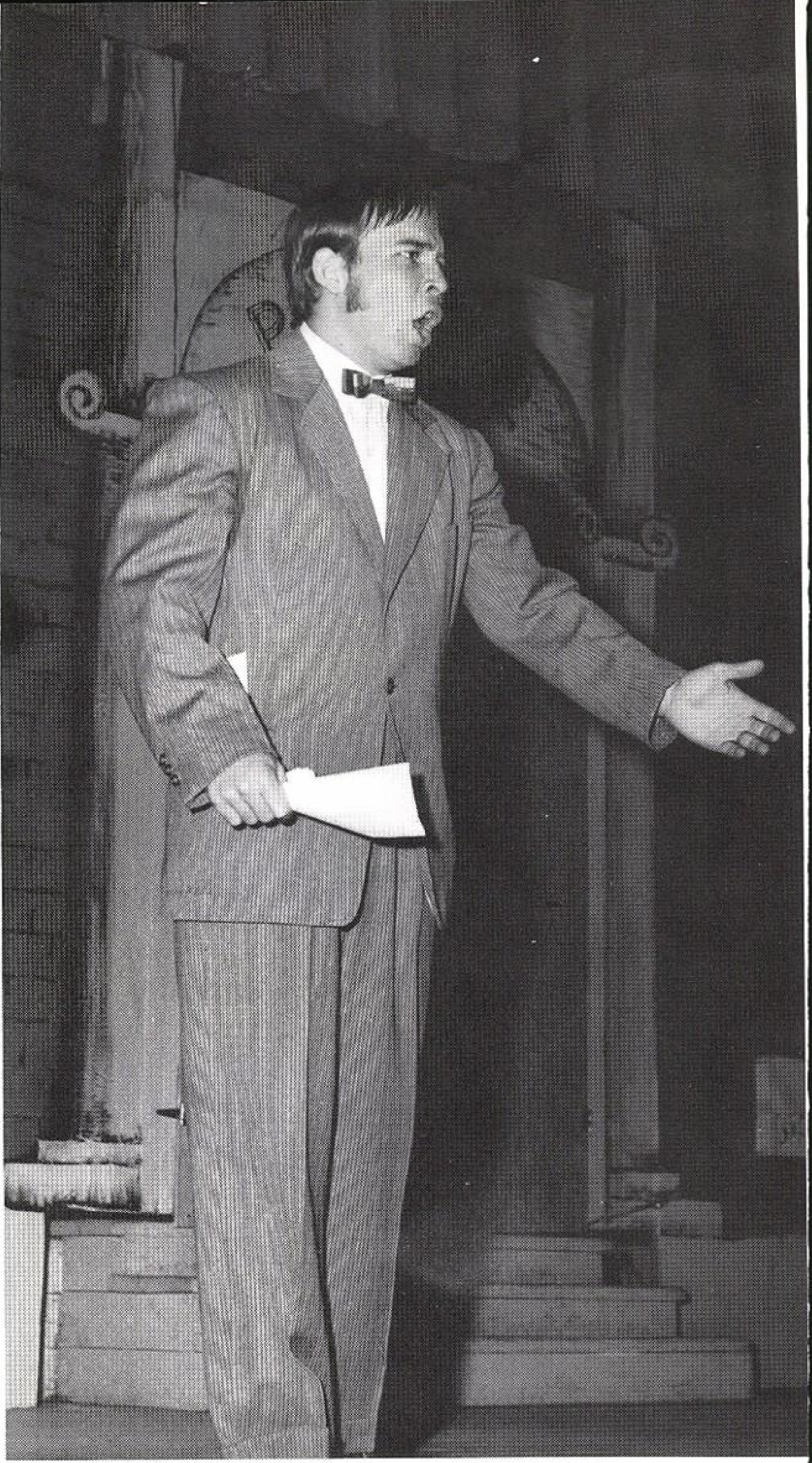
Accused of anarchy, Hyman Kaplan, opposite, far right, is confronted by the law's long arm in the person of Gene Shaw. Glen Ross, also on stage, was the real culprit, though. At bottom right, Director Ted Lorts with JoAdair Welch, prepares to rehearse production numbers. Both *Our Town* and *Hyman Kaplan* were a far cry from dramatic offerings staged in the recent past.

Secretly doffing his superficial disguise as Bryan Beck, whip-toungued drum major and man about campus, Hyman Kaplan lived and wept, loved and laughed at 'Cat curtain calls. And Bryan was nowhere in sight so complete was the assimilation of character. Directors Ted Lorts and Elton Crow were as pleased as the Class of '69 graduation eve. After eight weeks of dogged rehearsal, cast members began to wonder whether the show would ever jell at all. But it was *great!*







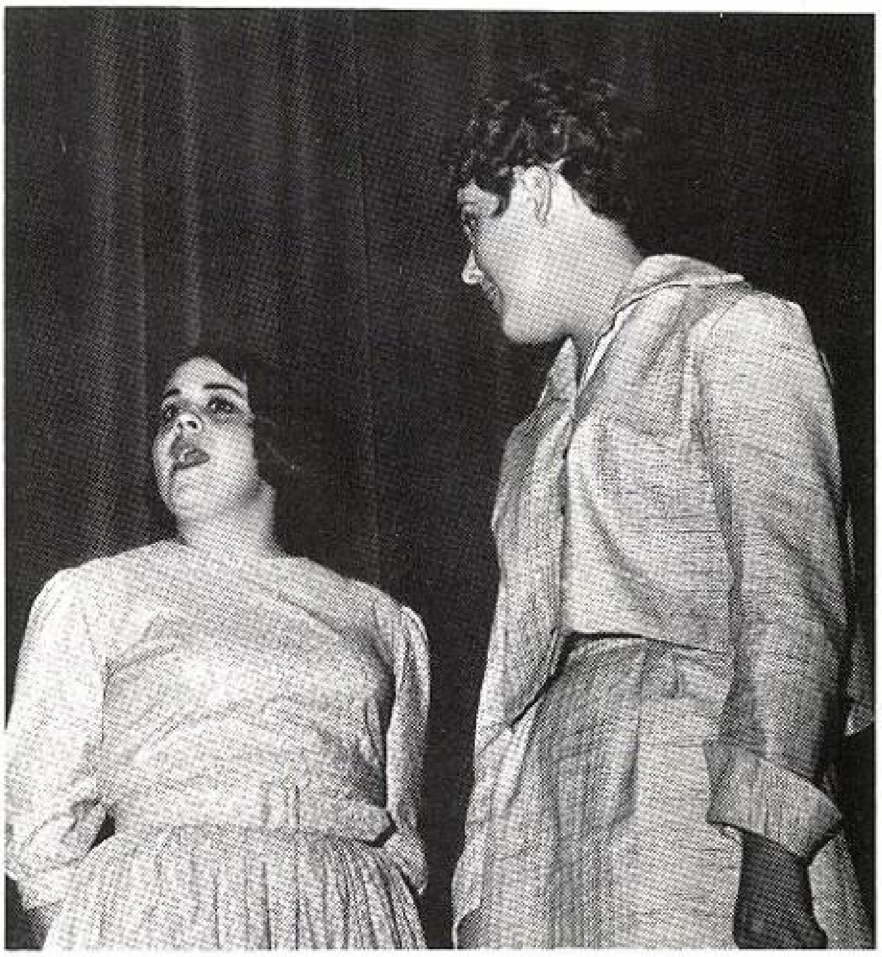


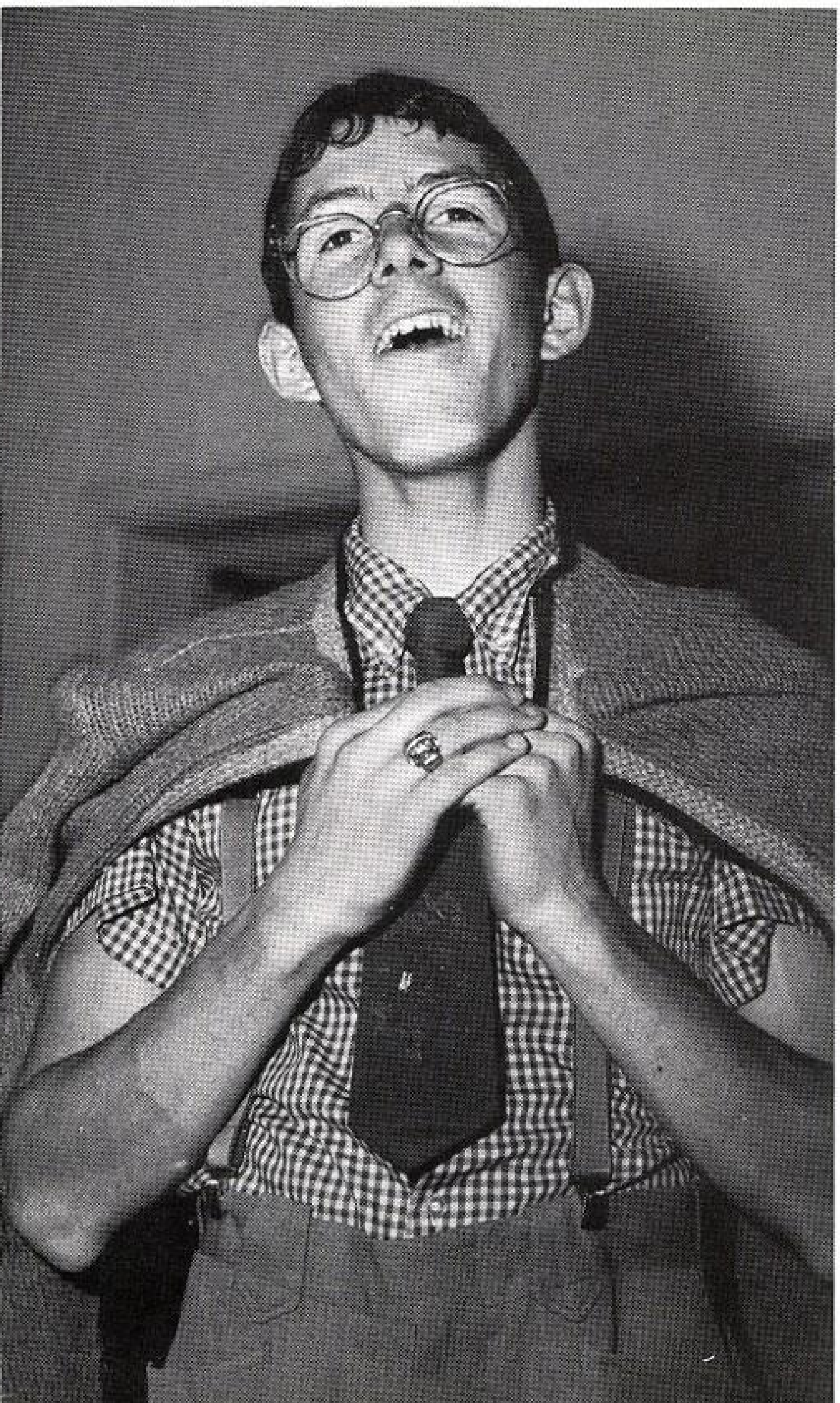
Tom Sommerville, top, thoroughly enjoyed his part as Giovanni Pastore in Fruita's April 21-22 production of Leo Rosten's *The Education of Hyman Kaplan.* Yvonne Bunnell, above, emerged on-stage as Lillian Trabish. Both audiences responded most favorably to the musical-comedy staging.

Cast members agreed that when Bryan Beck walke into his first Scene April 21, he *was* Hyman Kaplan Learning lines, however, proved the most towering obstacle for a majority of the players. It was just tw days before actual performance that the script book were finally tossed into a corner. Bryan Beck an Dennis Price spent torturous evenings learning thei parts as time slowly ran out.

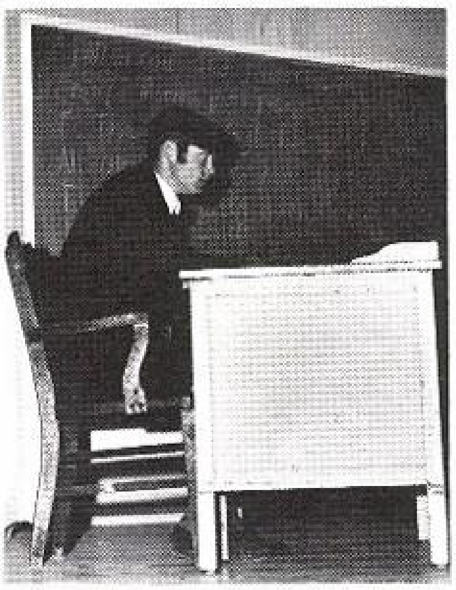
Rousing Musical Elated Fruita

Major musicals have always presented a major problem for Fruita because huge casts of players, singers, dancers call for more people than FHS has in its student body. So the selection of *Hyman Kaplan* was not a whimsical choice. Directors Ted Lorts and Elton Crow poured over scripts for several weeks considering such hits as *Li'l Abner* and *Bye-Bye, Birdie* before finally settling on a winner. No decision could have been more propitious. The lilting (and sometimes quietly moving) music, the swirling, throbbing dances, the humor and wit both written and ad libbed — everything was perfect. The musical-comedy was a justified success heaping applause on a giant cast whose standouts were Kathy Mason, Bryan Beck, Dennis Price and Tom Gibson, whose acting was extraordinary.

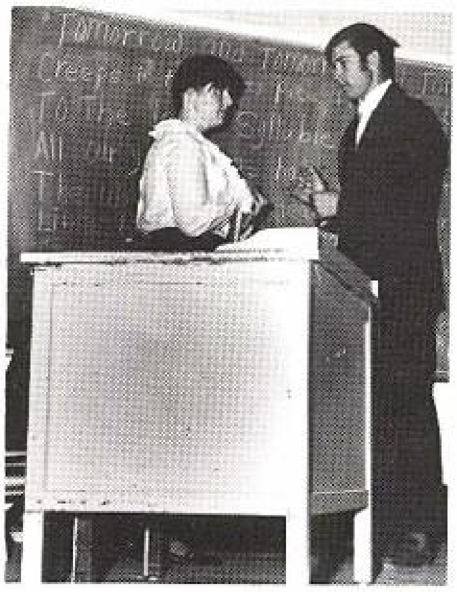




Janet Siddens, top, played Miss Vitale; Jeanne Heiny was Miss Higby. Jeanne also doubled as one of the three immigrants. Tom Sommerville also doubled in his service to the cast. In addition to playing Giovanni Pastore, he was a guard. Gene Shaw, too, undertook a dual role. Above are Gail Hampton and Sheila Sewell arranging the set for the classroom scenes. Larry Bond and Mike Moon lit the set.



Mr. Ted Lorts takes mental notes as Fruita's cast of great pretenders nears opening night. Others in the top row above are: Dennis Price as school teacher, Mr. Parkhill; then Gene Shaw as Callahan collaring Hyman Kaplan accused of anarchy. Jeannie Waggoner was Mrs. Mitnick and Kathy Mason, who turned in a marvelous performance, played Rose Mitnick. In row two is, first, Tom Gibson as Yissel Fishbein. Director Elton Crow awarded Tom the 'Best Actor' laurels after the final curtain. Following Tom are Terri Pehrson, an immigrant; Glen Ross, who played Jimmy; Gene Shaw and Jeanne Heiny, more of the immigrants. Dennis Price is next, then Jeannie Waggoner, Elly Rodriguez, who played Sadie Moskowitz, Kathy Mason and Tom Gibson. In the bottom row are Dennis Price and Jeanne Heiny; then Kathy Mason, Gary Barcus, who played Sam Pinsky, Elly Rodriguez, Terri Pehrson and Larry Quimby as Reuben Clonsky. Glen Ross follows. Kris Keith, Nancy Maluy and Gene Shaw are last. Glen Ross, Gary Barcus, Janet Siddens, Jeanne Heiny, Naomi Gunn and Elly Rodriguez take a rehearsal break at left.



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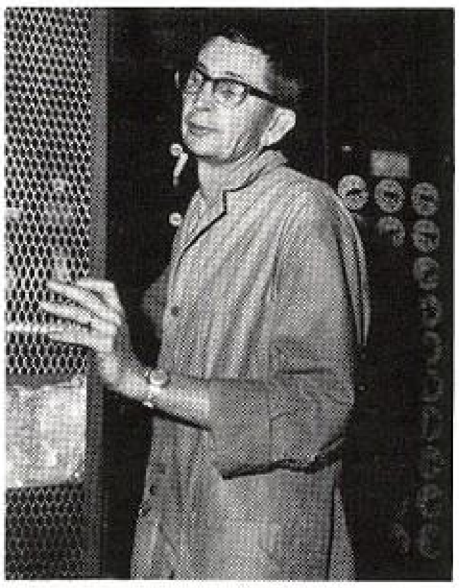
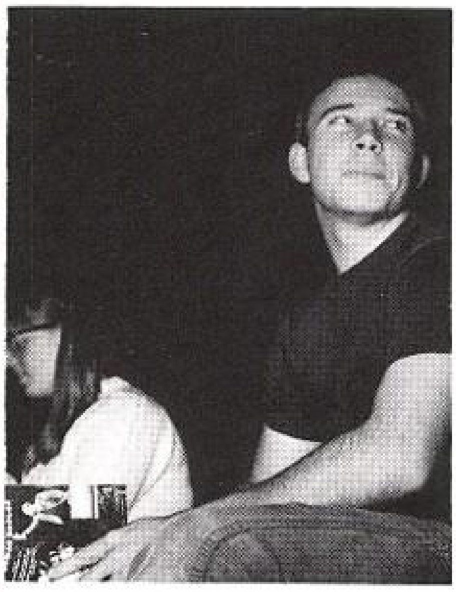
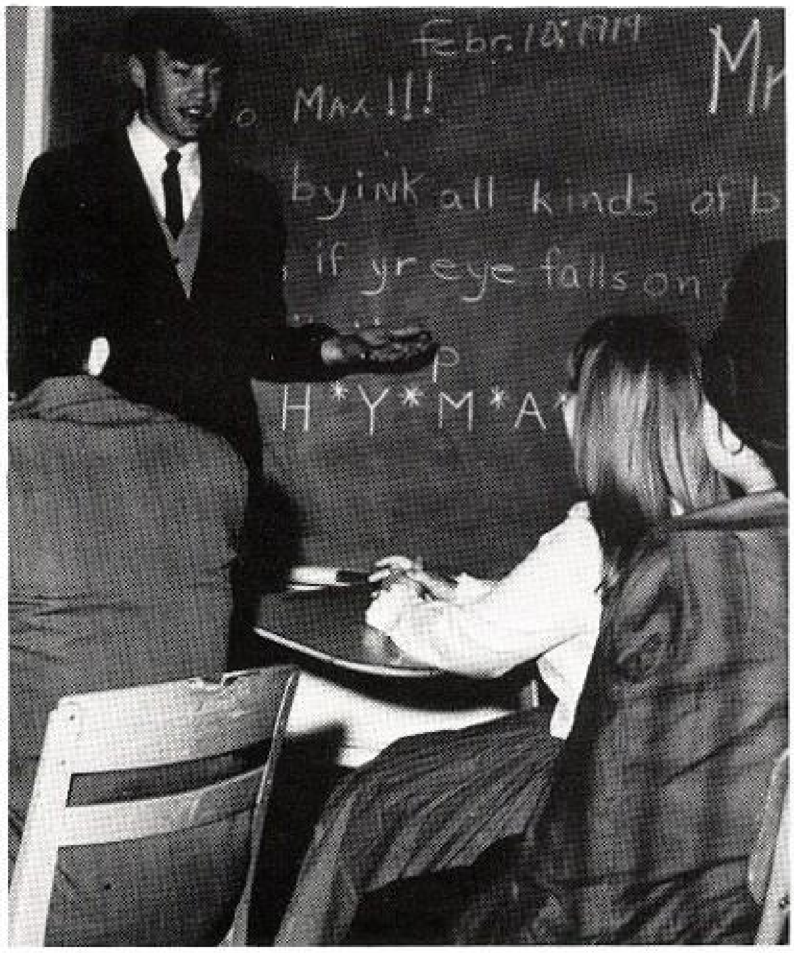



Happiness Was A Hyman Kaplan

Rehearsal And A Late Snack

Practices were the best of all times. After a night's work, cast members would gather (that is, cram ten or twelve happy people into one car) and travel leisurely (about 50 m.p.h.) to the Coachman's Inn for a laughing, gay time. Many nights would find fifteen cast members in one circle booth. Also great were the fun-charged moments when cast members waited to see an expression on Dennis Price's face as Jeanne Heiny whispered something not in the script into his shell-like ear. Blurting out what should have been his next line, Dennis would thunder instead, "I don't believe it!" Practicing the dances was a thrill and a grind. Larry Quimby was crowned best dancer of all. Mrs. Bonnie Beck served as choreographer. Above are Kathy Mason, Dennis Price, Elly with Susan Kettle; Dennis and Naomi Gunn; in row two; Larry, Tom, Elly, Bryan, Larry Reed, Gary Barcus, Naomi; Jeannie, Kathy, Marilyn Richards, Mr. Elton Crow. At bottom; Bryan, Kathy; Nancy Pehrson, Naomi, Elly, Gary; Phil Serve, Terri Pehrson, Yvonne Bunnell, Larry Quimby and last, Bryan Beck and Kathy Mason.

Last-Minute Surge Jelled So-So Into Great!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Much of the action of *Hyman Kaplan* took place in Mr. Parkhill's classroom. Above are Dennis Price, Tom Gibson, Kathy Mason and Elly Rodriguez in one such scene. At top, right, Dennis is with Nancy Pehrson, Naomi Gunn and Bryan Beck. Mary Kay Mogensen was sound effects technician for the musical show.

Dennis, Tom, Kathy and Elly mirror the intense joy experienced by the cast in producing the smash hit, right. Larry Watkins, Bob Bangert and Ernie Boswell handled staging; prompters were Chris Osborn and JoAdair Welch. JoAdair was also student director. Gail Hampton and Sheila Sewell were charged with arranging for costumes for the cast.

Holding court at a laugh-in following the final performance, Mr. Elton Crow said the best aspect of the show was the music. Mr. Ted Lorts said the casting of characters. Wildcats in general felt that the total effect of a grand cast pushed, pulled, shoved and nudged by two fine directors, along with a witty script and lively dances were just the ticket for an evening of superb entertainment. The cast had its problems, but they came through at the last minute and had two very exciting nights with applause to match their efforts. What better finishing touch than a curtain call?

Naomi Gunn, Larry Quimby, Phil Serve, Elly Rodriguez, Yvonne Bunnell, Tom Sommerville and Terri Pehrson let Gary Barcus have the spotlight, above. Mary Kay Mogensen handled programs for the show.

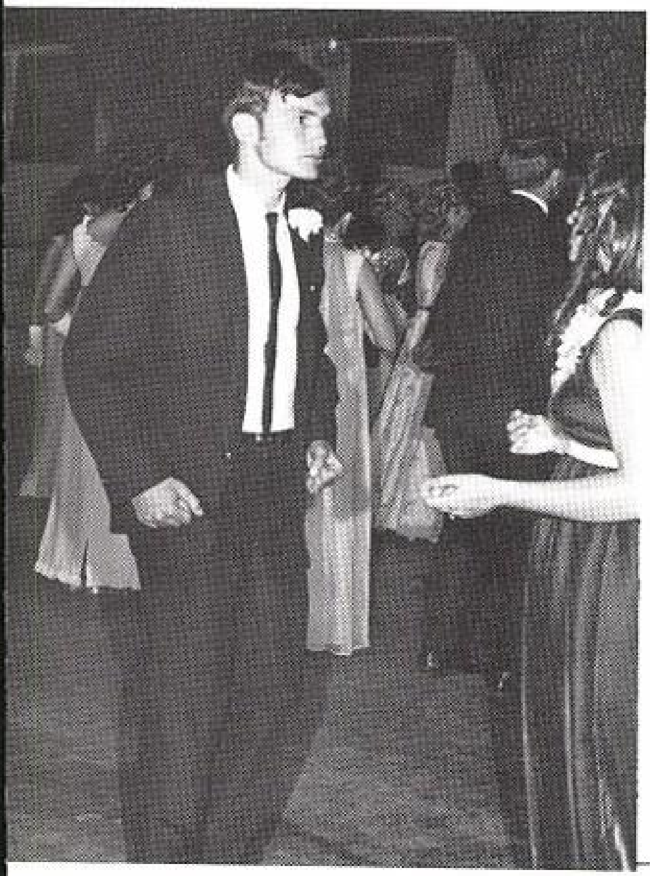
Pam Baker, Marilyn Richards, Costa Watson and Mary Kay Mogensen did the make-up; Diane Pullins and Sheila Sewell took care of tickets and publicity. Stage manager was Larry Watkins. Mr. Patrick Veerkamp's art class made the programs. At left are Tim Tomlinson, Larry Stutler, Joe Orr, Gene Shaw sitting in on one of the rehearsal grinds.

Camelot: A Dream to Perfection

Revelers, right, are Joe Jones, Rich Bourg, Roxann Krajeski, Verlan Goss, Karla Buniger, Wayne Schafer, Retha Clark, Mike Moon, Gail Burwell, Nancy Maluy, Kris Keith, Gary Barcus, Neta Young, Chris Osborn, Gail Hampton, Rhondy Groves, Janet Rowe.

Elegant Kathy McIntyre, along with Paul Kochevar, and Dazzling Marilyn Richards with Kent Tompkins, were nominated by seniors as candidates to reign ultimately over prom festivities. At the coronation, though, crowns went to resplendent Sherri Arbegast, bottom, and to Mickey Cox.

Joann Jacquez and John Evans rocked the castle, above. At far right are Karla Buniger, Wayne Schafer, Judy LaMar, Verlan Goss, Retha Clark, Cheri Fry, Thomas Groves, Rich Bourg, Barb Hill, Becky Young, Gary Barcus and Costa Watson.



Beautiful, paused Night over Camelot. Someone — Merlin, perhaps — scattered a pinch of stardust across the Great Hall before juniors swung wide the doors to decree a royal ball. Brilliant ladies and their escorts rocked the castle wild throughout that enchanted evening — one of Fruita's most scintillating triumphs. Juniors did themselves proud preparing the May 3 romp. And seniors were the first to thank them. But time would not tarry; the evening was a misty breath scented with a sigh, and like corsages wilting in the heat, it was gone. Mike Gallegos sang *Camelot* and *Somewhere* as revelers heralded the royal couple.

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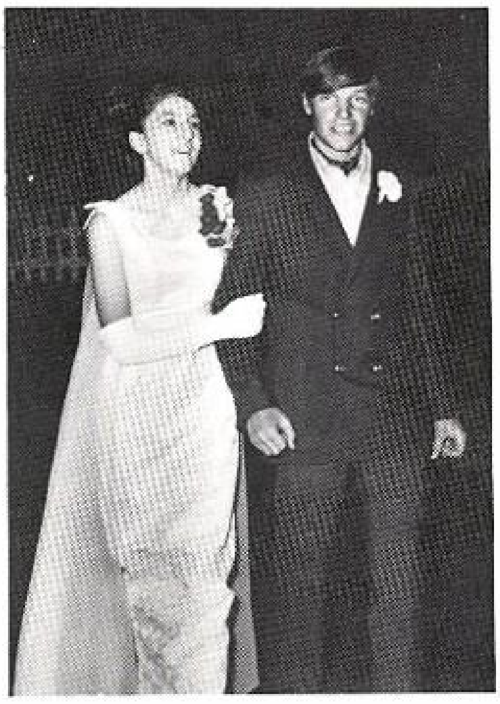
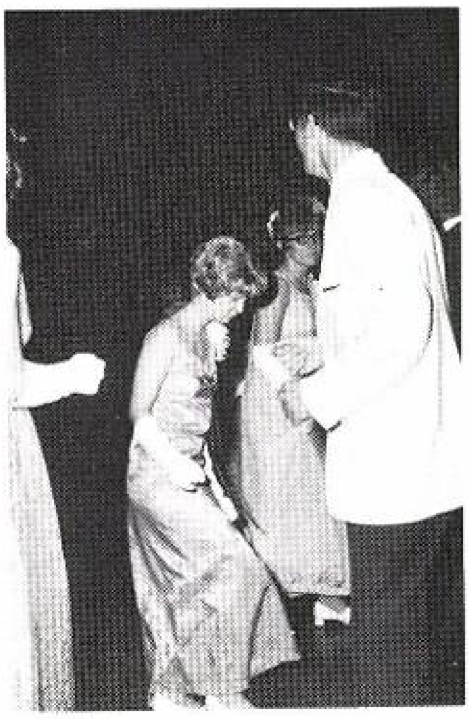
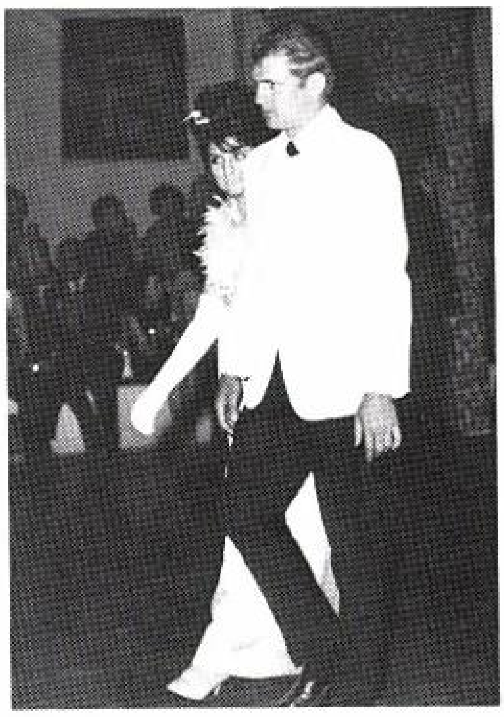
Ray Ball
Barb Hill
Clarence Ross
Peggy Widegren
Joe Jones
Eddie Botkin



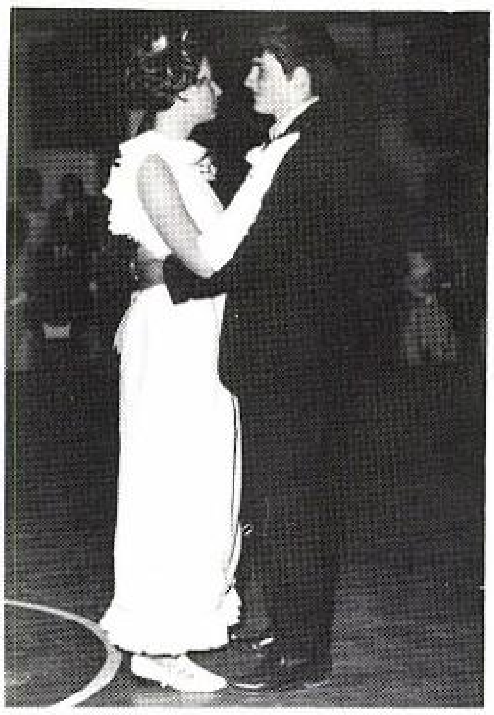
Jane Bangert
Les Smith
Doris Park
Terrilee Bryant
Milo McBride
Joann Jacquez
John Evans

Below:
Les, Jane
Cheri Fry
Thomas Groves
Sheila Sewell
Larry Reed
Mr. Ted Lorts

Electric Sounds Dulled Ears, Yet A Distant Harp Was Heard

"Let it never be forgot, that once there was a spot for one brief, shining moment, that was known as Camelot." What a glorious evening! A whiff of mist hung gently in the castle, bald, sparse and ancient in its elegance. Shields glistened in eerie light over gardens perfumed in the past, and damsels in disco-tresses appeared as vividly enchanting as the timeless night they entered with bold escorts. And then, *The Candlewood* plugged in the sounds, man.



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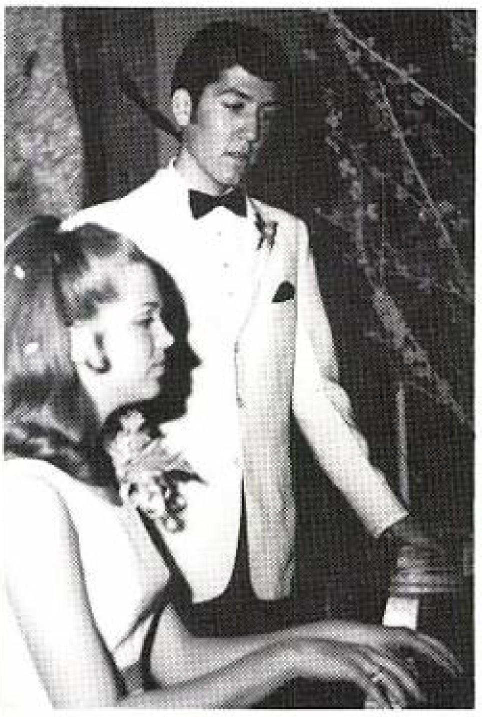

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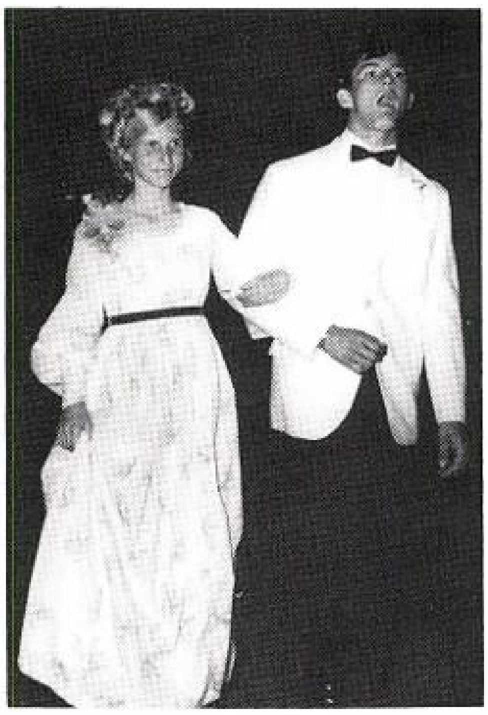

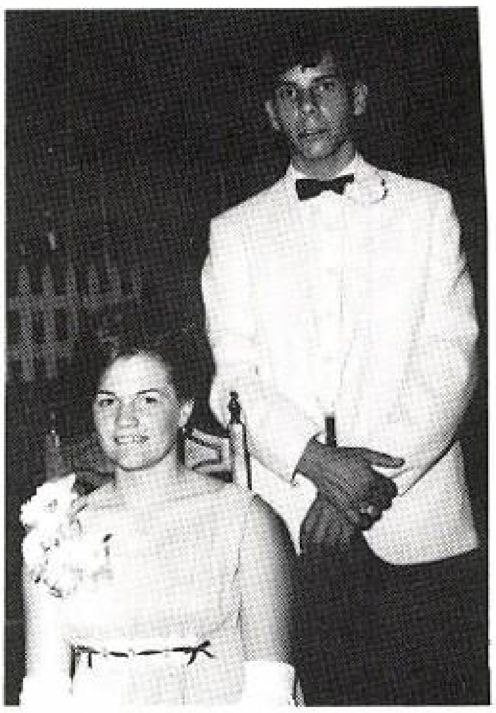

Becky Young
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Paul Kochevar
Kathy McIntyre
Below:
Milo McBride
Leevon Thompson
Terrilee Bryant
Jon Johnston

Slamming out rock rhythms with the clamour of a thousand knights in joust, *The Candlewood* welled music, exploded it and pulsed it through Camelot's mere stone until the turrets jived, the ramparts swayed and courtly couples let it all hang out. Perhaps it was the ham and potatoes banquet or just that singular day in time, but some swear (by Arthur) that from waves of lilting laughter they heard a melody both feint and dusty — as old as Camelot itself. Maybe?

Before staging the power-packed one-curtain drama in Boulder for state competition, Director Elton Crow, right, called cram session rehearsals to hone lines to a fine cutting edge. Cast was from drama class.

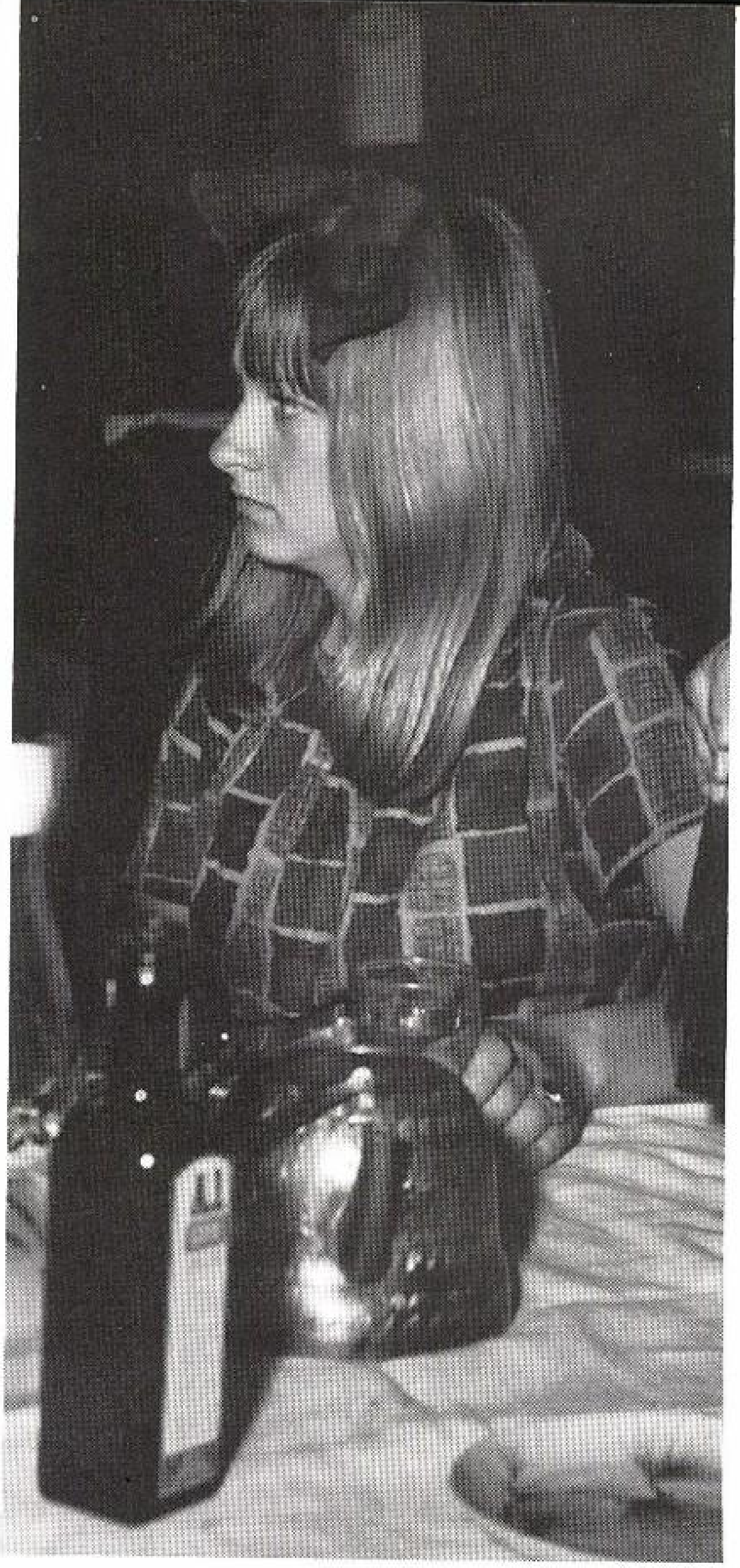
Michele Thistle, at right, bottom, a stage-tried Thespian, provided much of the cohesive nucleus around which actors moved; they played to her. With Michele are Lennie Rich and Dale Tompkins in the lead.

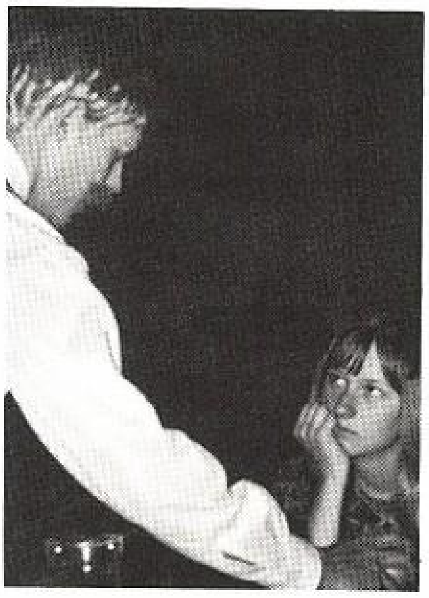
Lennie Rich, center, right, gained membership into Fruita's chapter of National Thespian Society for her role in *Fumed Oak* work with *Our Town*. Her deep concentration here is characteristic of FHS drama.

At far right, opposite, Lennie Rich and Dale Tompkins work rough edges off their portrayals at a dress rehearsal prior to taking the one-act to Central High School where a new audience was demanding.

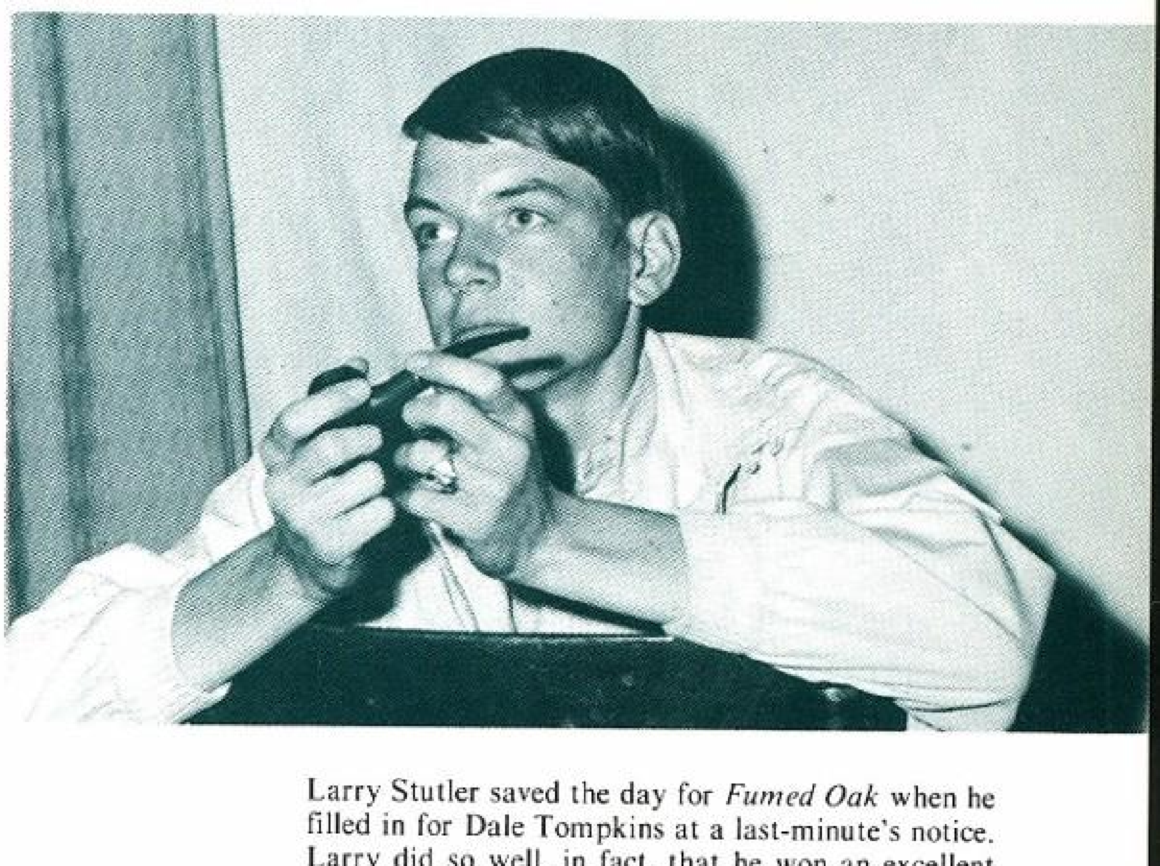
Emotional Power Surged From Scenes of Coward's *Fumed Oak*

Joyce Bousman's tense features show inner strain as *Fumed Oak* wrings out human emotions, then airs them for the world to see. With Joyce is Dale Tompkins who was unable to make the Boulder contest.



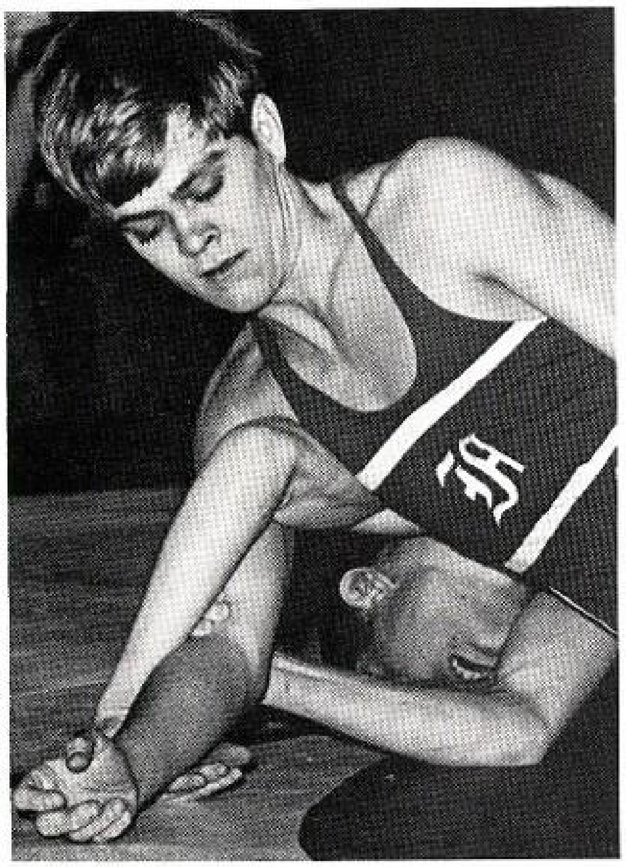


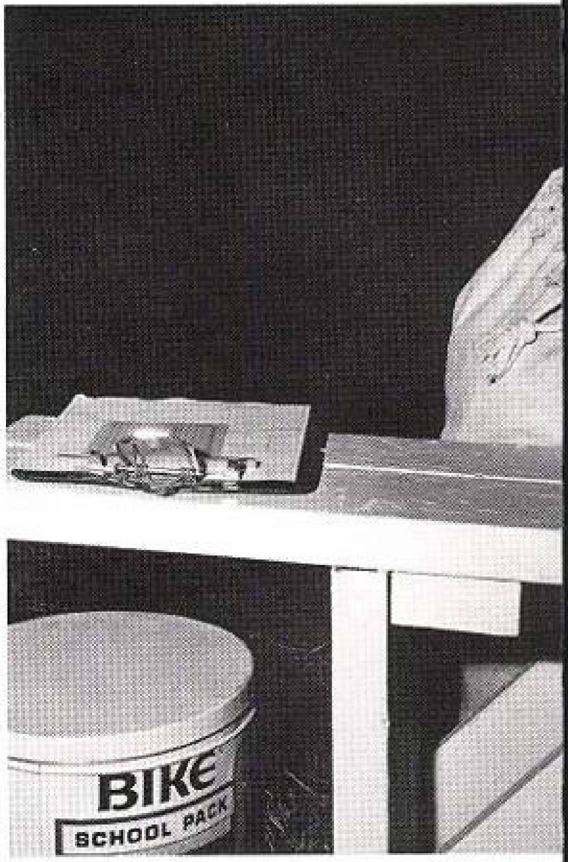
Cutting a line here and there with red pencil, Mr. Elton Crow doctored Noel Coward's *Fumed Oak* for staging as Fruita's entry in Colorado one-act theatrical competition. Drawing a cast of experienced players principally from his advanced drama class, Director Crow and the footlight dramatis personae closeted for stringent rehearsals. In early spring Wildcats were invited to sit through the cast's dress performance before actors traveled with the play to Central High School for the district qualifying meet. At Central Fruita's intensely moving selection placed among the top three, along with entries from Paonia and Palisade. On April 26, Fruita was in Boulder for the state meet where once again the cast won praise. Elly Rodriguez and Susan Kettle served the cast as stage crew.



Larry Stutler saved the day for *Fumed Oak* when he filled in for Dale Tompkins at a last-minute's notice. Larry did so well, in fact, that he won an excellent rating at the state meet. Receipts from the melodrama paid for the trip.

Pride Lived Afield; Fans Let Spirit Die

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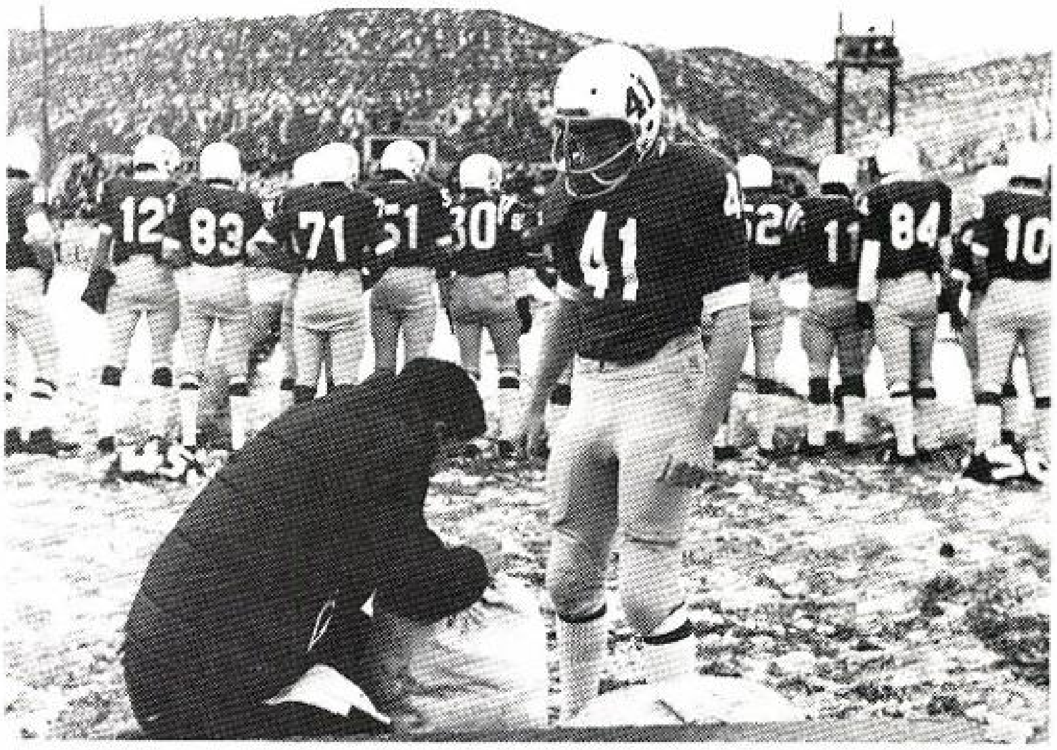
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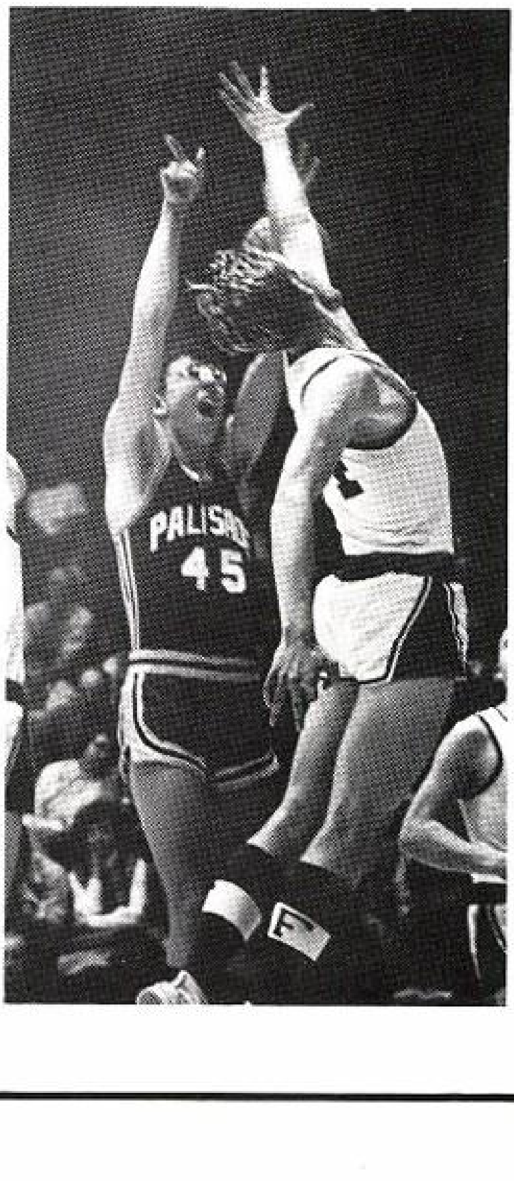
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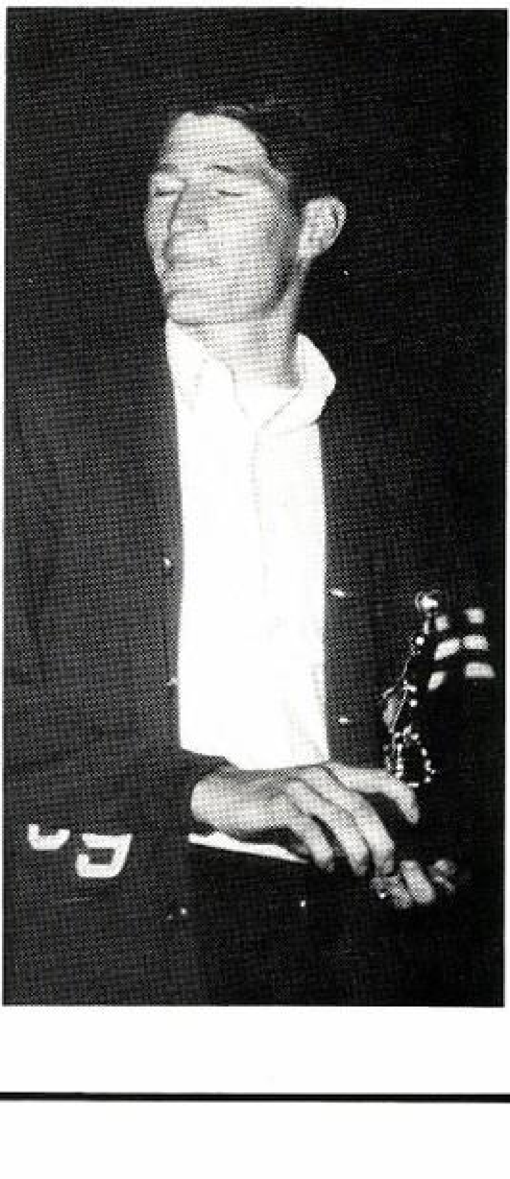
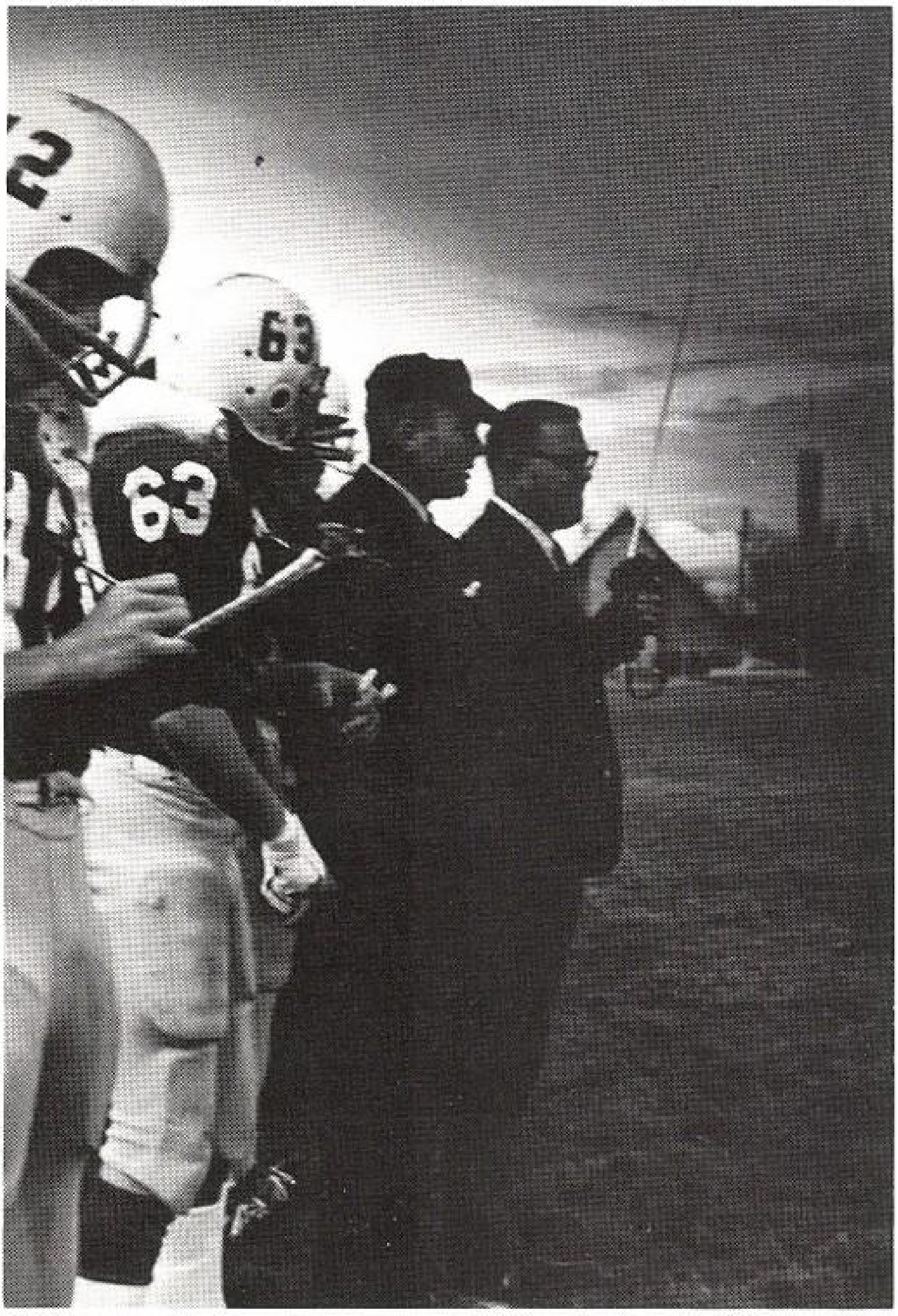


Versatile Wildcats, fortified with the return of 18 grid-hardened lettermen, determined to stand tough against all challengers; by mid-season the 'Cats' middle line was hailed as peerless in Gunnison Valley League campaigns. Coach Jerry Zybura's staid defense stubbornly held Fruita's first three foes scoreless, and allowed a total of only 72 points against the 'Cats in ten outings. On offense, Fruita was crackajack, too, marking up 182 tallies in a season sparkling with renewed spirit.

Gunnison Valley League Champs

Eight Wins
One Tie
One Loss



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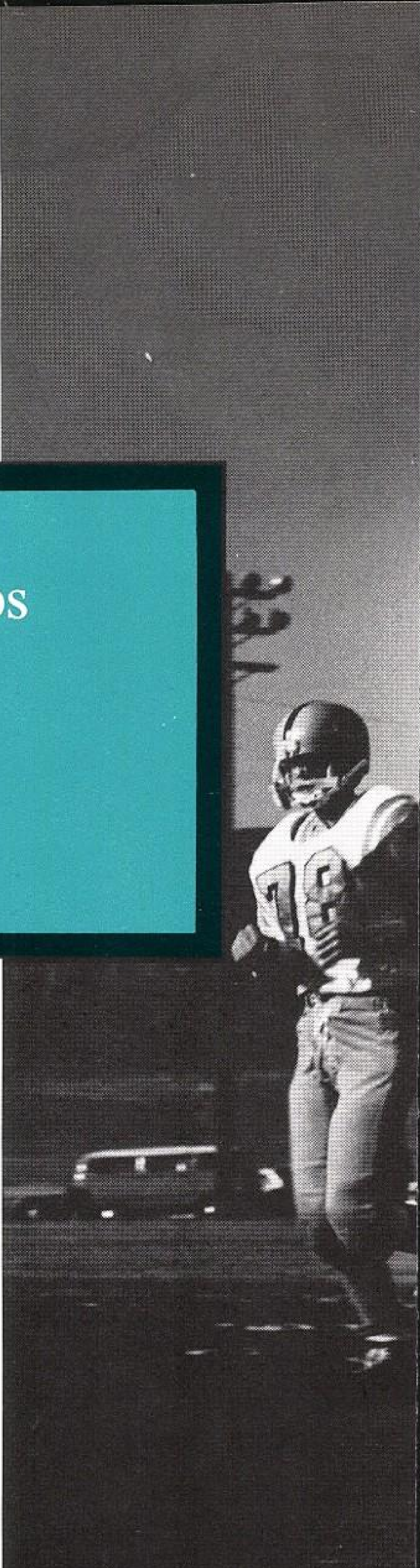
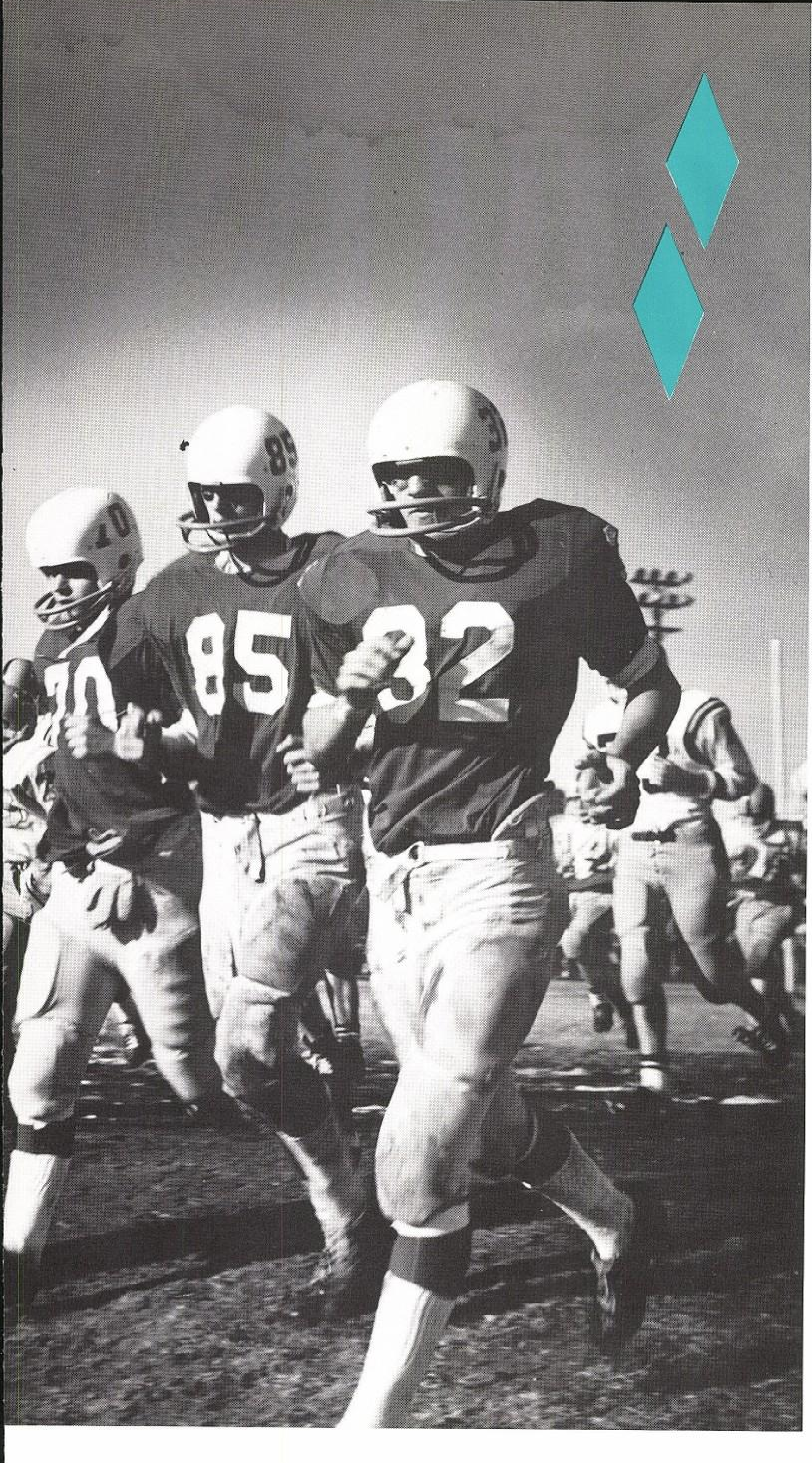
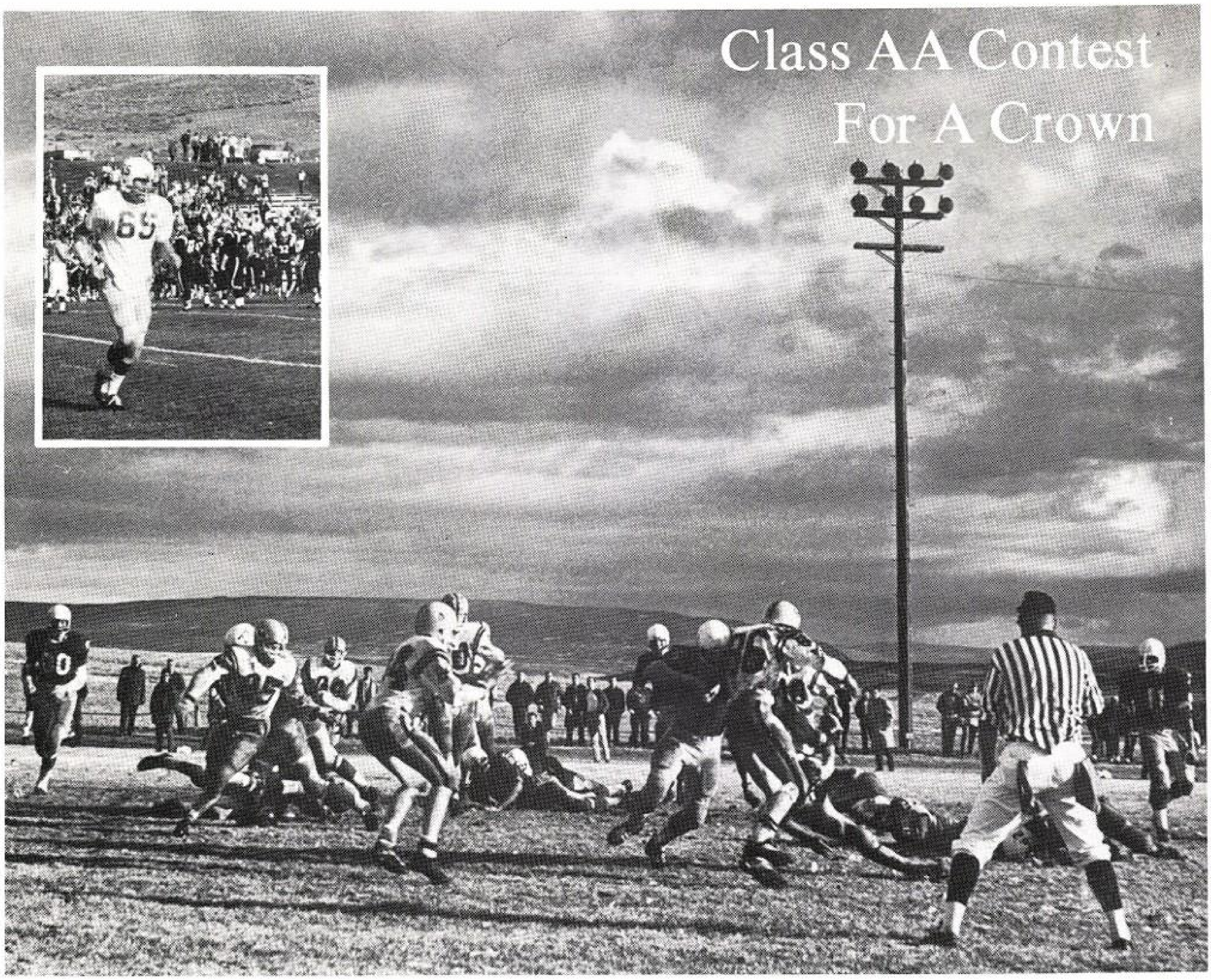




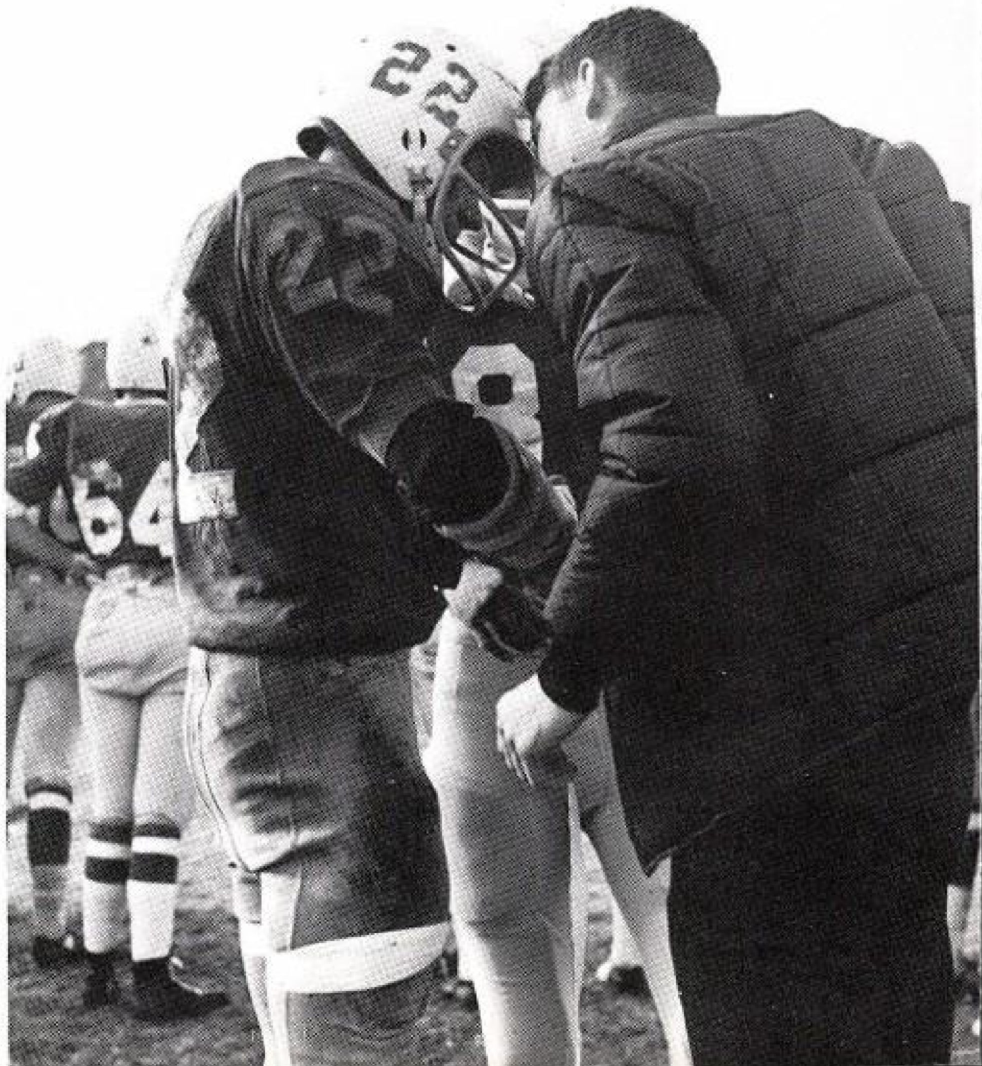
Tied 7-7 at halftime, midway into a critical wrangle at Meeker for the Class AA grid crown, Wildcat regulars returned to the quarter-final contest heartened by their sterling first-half effort. Tackle Ernest Boswell, end Tim Tomlinson and halfback Jim Stockert, left, were fired up for the fray.

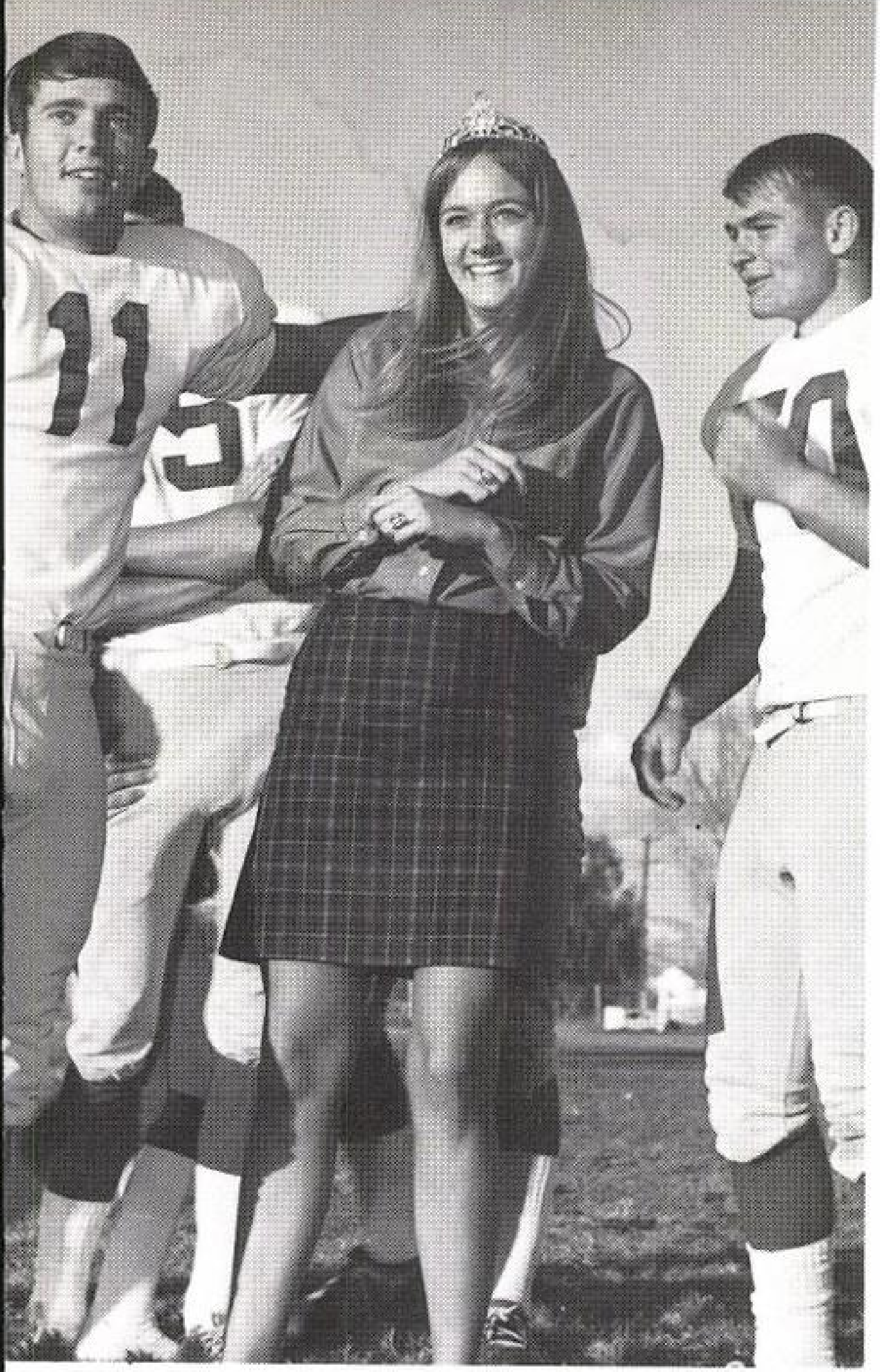
Class AA Contest For A Crown



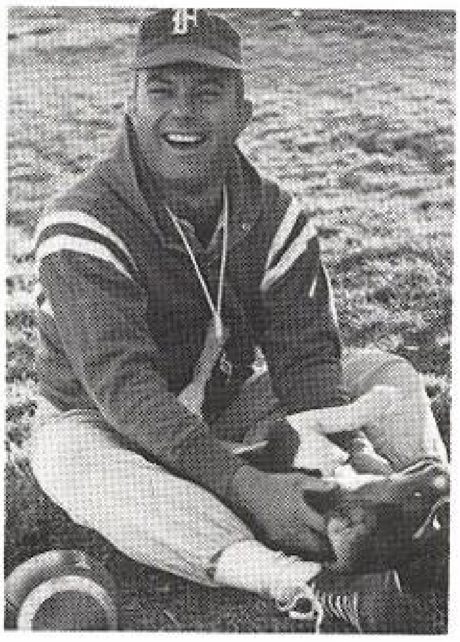
Cold winds whipped across Meeker's field and frost-bitten turf scraped knuckles raw as Wildcats battled for the Class AA quarterfinals crown. Les Smith, Mickey Bosshardt, Norman Vincent, Dennis Retherford and Stan Koziol, above, were in the thick of it as Fruita made its bid. Guard Eddie Botkin, insert, leaves the field at Gunnison after a hassle.

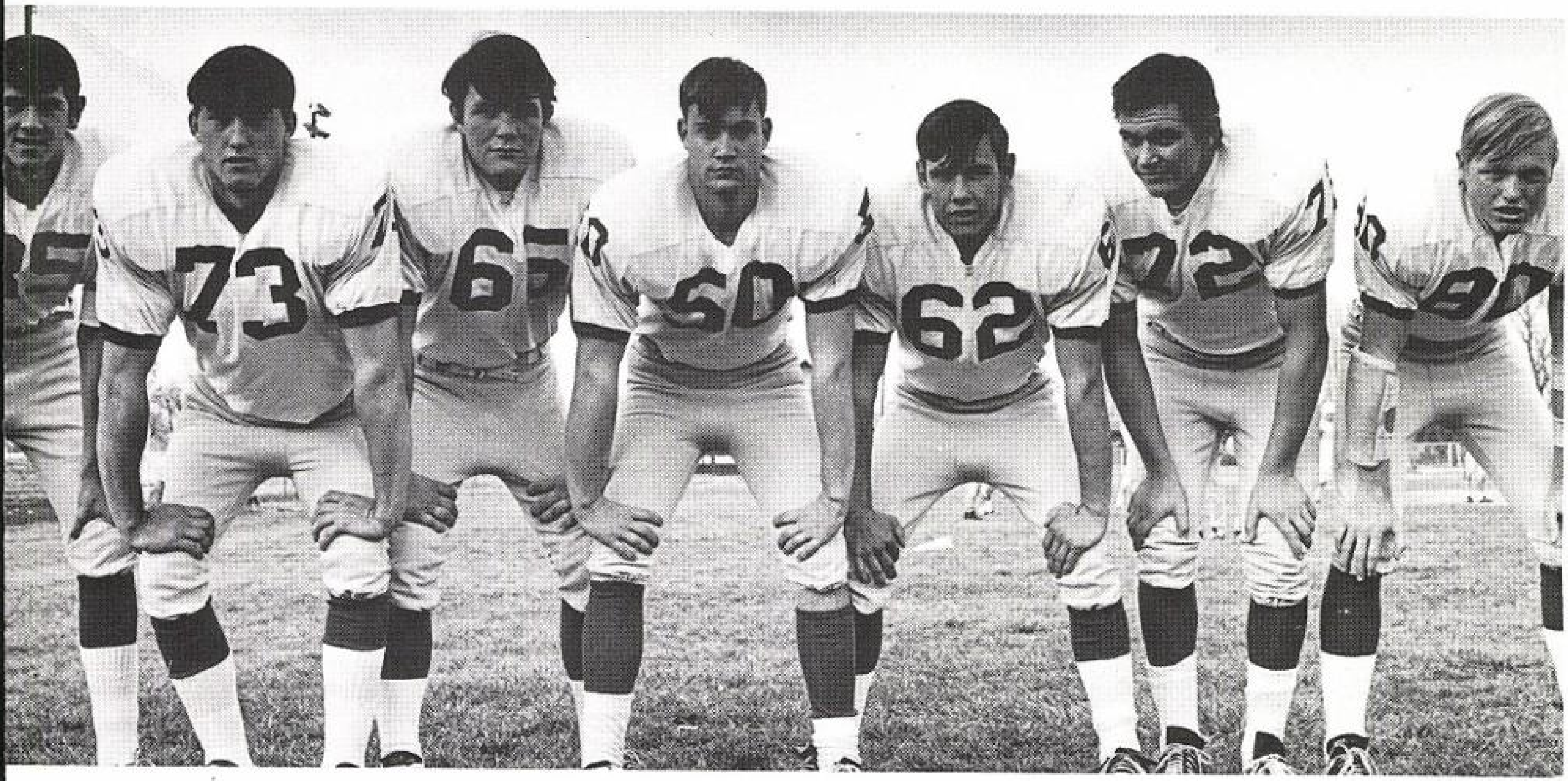
Rugged Greg Brown, right, with Verlan Goss and Glenn Giles, gives little indication that the middle finger on his right hand is broken, but in the Meeker scrap, he bent that digit all out of shape. A mainstay of Coach Zybura's tremendous squad, Greg quietly tore 'em up as a speedy halfback who could carry the apple or stop opponents cold. In Fruita's second outing against Moab, Greg scored Fruita's only tally on an end sweep from 10 yards out in the first period. Mickey Bosshardt booted the extra point to sew it up for good.





Football squadmen voted in early fall to surprise Linda Meinsen with a golden crown, and they named her Queen of Wildcats to reign over homecoming festivities. At left, co-captain Dennis Retherford, Queen Linda and Ernest Boswell share a sparkling moment before practice began. Coach Gerald Zybura, below with Jeffrey, demanded much from his team and they gave it to him with plus-marks. Lovely Janet Rowe, below, right, was also a candidate for the homecoming crown; she served as senior attendant to the queen during a week of hectic fun.

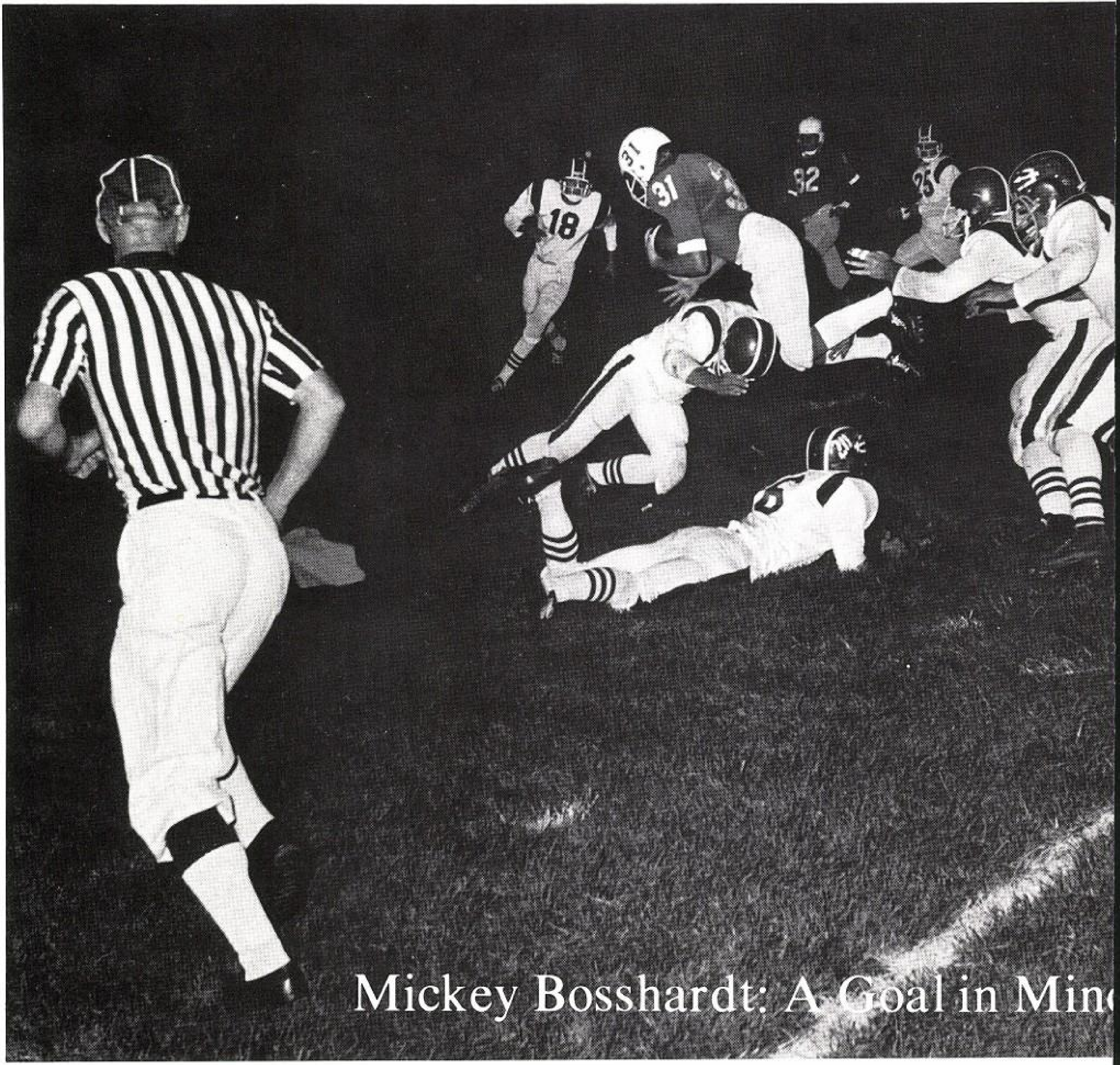




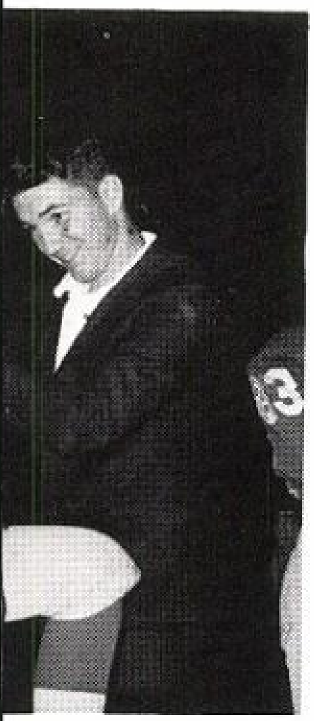
This impressive and formidable line stopped many a would-be gainer. At left is Tim Tomlinson, end; Stan Koziol, tackle; Eddie Botkin, guard; Dennis Price, center; Don Bristol, guard; Crawford Clement, tackle and Les Smith, end. Fruita's long line of victories was a direct result of the defensive ability to stun attackers before they could gather momentum for a charge toward paydirt.

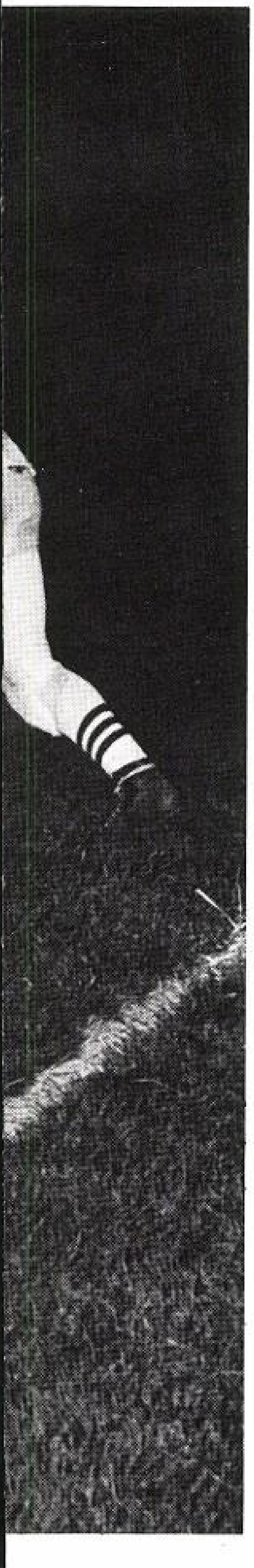
Eighteen Hard-nosed Veteran 'Cats Set the Pace

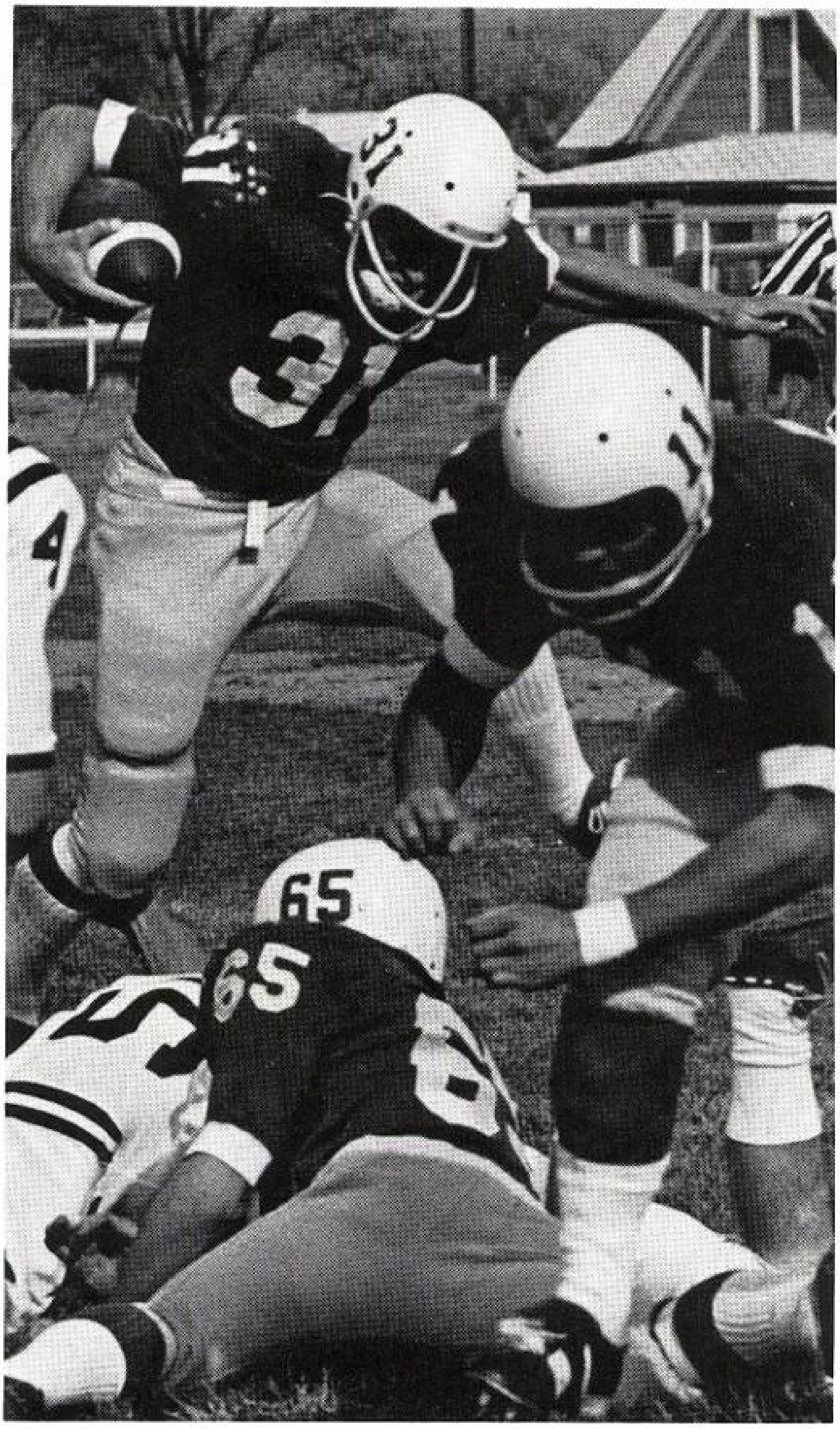
Despite a lack of depth in most positions, Coach Gerald Zybura skillfully shaped a proud, self-confident squad which rolled up a string of victories leading to the Gunnison Valley League crown. Mercurial Mickey Bosshardt, below with Paul Kochevar, toted leather up-field to shatter ground-gaining records league-wide. Piloted by quarterback Dennis Retherford and Fruita's all-conference, all-state, all American Norman Vincent, Wildcats chewed-up all comers — until Meeker.



Mickey Bosshardt: A Goal in Min

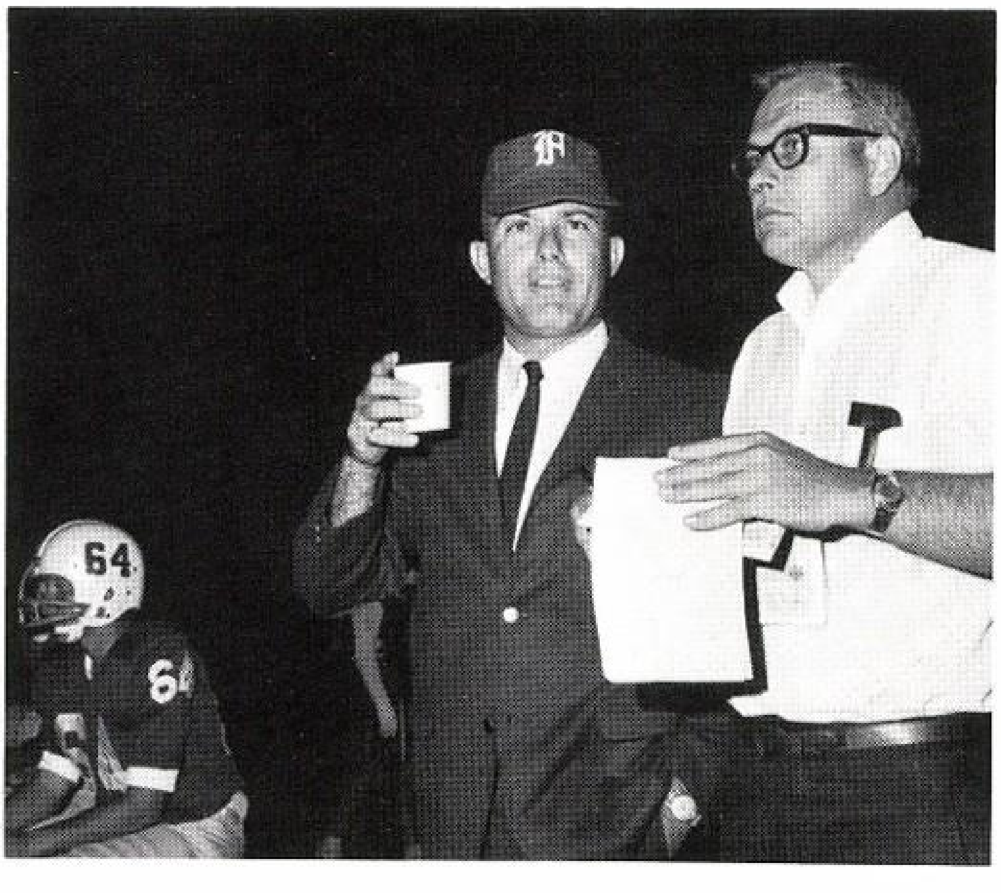




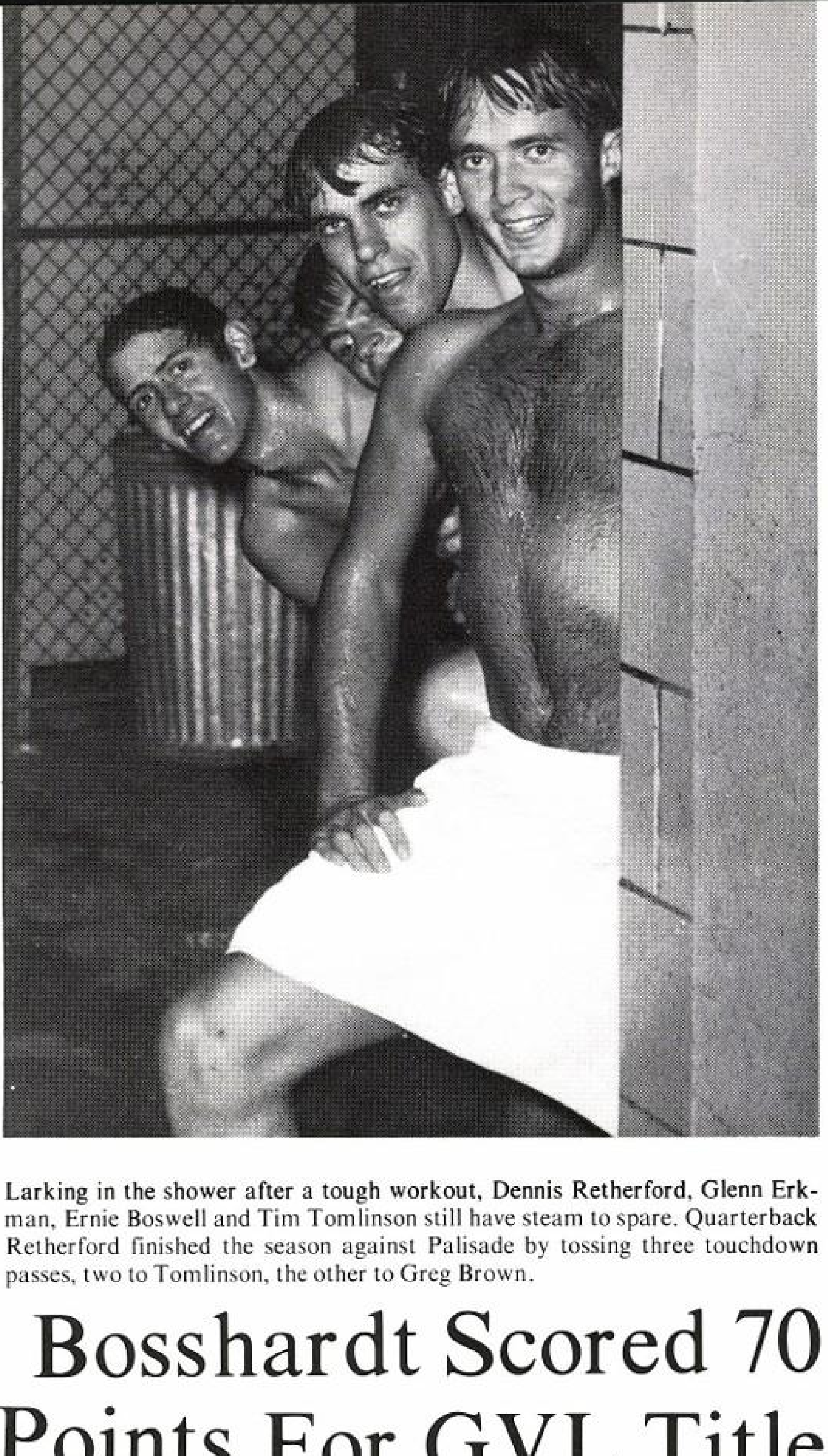


'Cat Trio Smashes Up-Field

Leapfrogging prone Eddie Botkin, Dennis Retherford blasts through a hole followed by pigskin packing Mickey Bosshardt, left. At top, left, Trainer Verlan Goss adjusts a chin strap for Ray Ball. Dennis Price, Kris Keith and Mickey Cox follow the action.

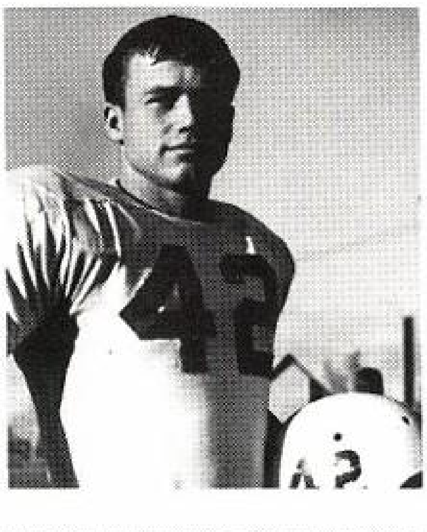


A beaming head coach, Gerald Zybura quaffs a cool Coke as Fruita dominates play against Moab in a 'Cat early season battle. Stat-man, Mr. William Silliman and gridder Glenn Giles keep their attention glued to the struggle at mid-field. Wildcats whipped Moab 7-0.

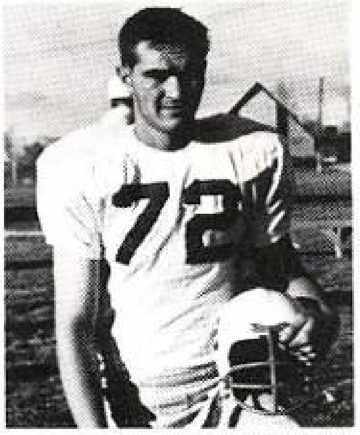


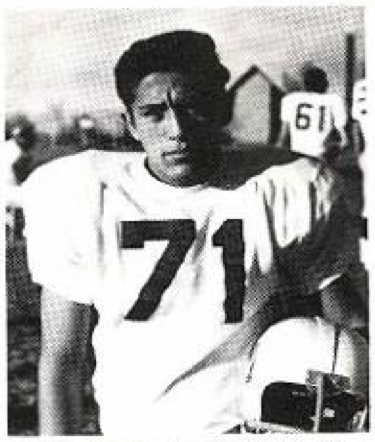
Larking in the shower after a tough workout, Dennis Retherford, Glenn Erkman, Ernie Boswell and Tim Tomlinson still have steam to spare. Quarterback Retherford finished the season against Palisade by tossing three touchdown passes, two to Tomlinson, the other to Greg Brown.

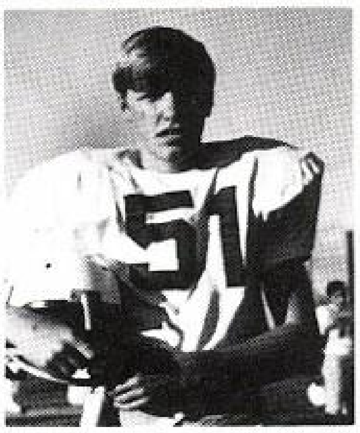
Bosshardt Scored 70 Points For GVL Title

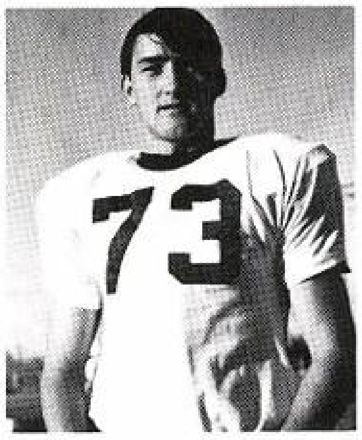


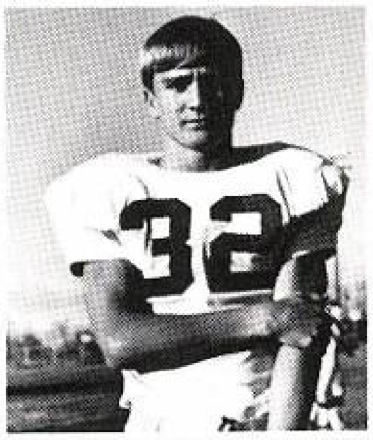
Dispelling any doubts about its ability to mold another championship squad so quickly, Fruita charged into action to set the Gunnison Valley League afire in one victory after another. Coach Gerald Zybura predicted that Paonia and Gunnison were the teams which would be tough, but he cautioned that any squad could be victorious on any given day, and his words of wisdom proved only too true as little-feared Hotchkiss stopped the 'Cats 6-6 in their only upset. Using his tough, speedy backfield to full advantage, Quarterback Dennis Retherford and the 'Cats smashed across goals to tally 195 points against 72 squeezed across by the foe. Coach Zybura was particularly proud of the defense.

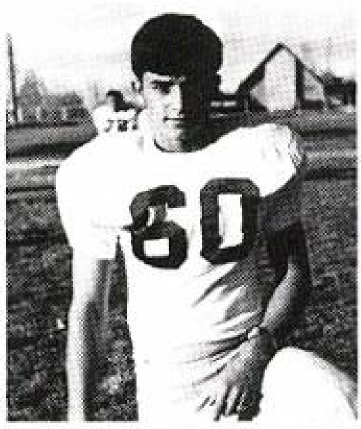


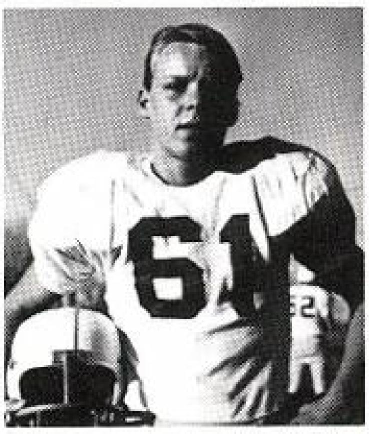


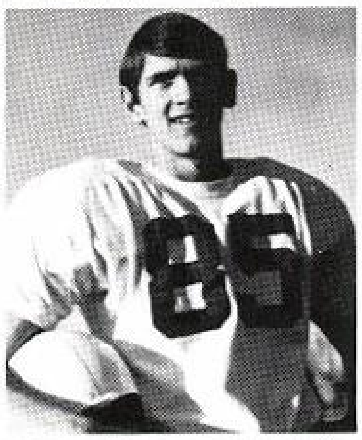


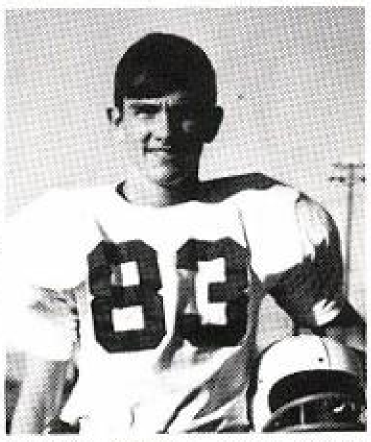


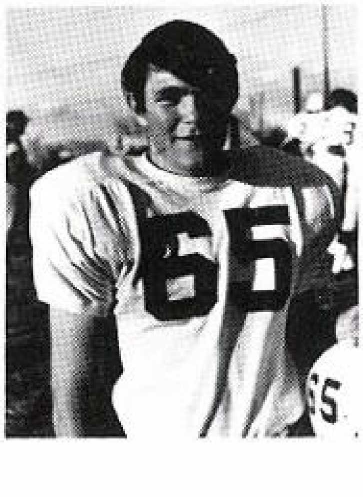


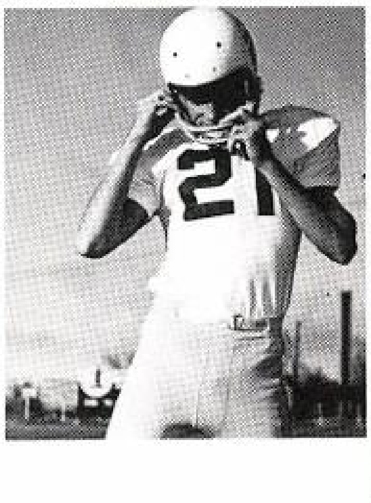


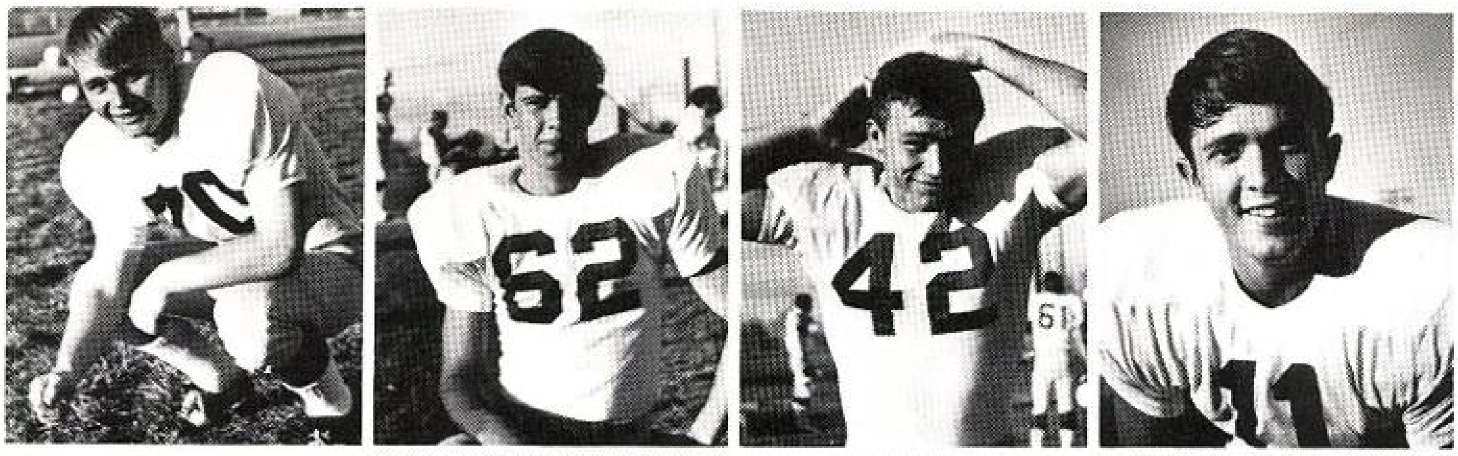












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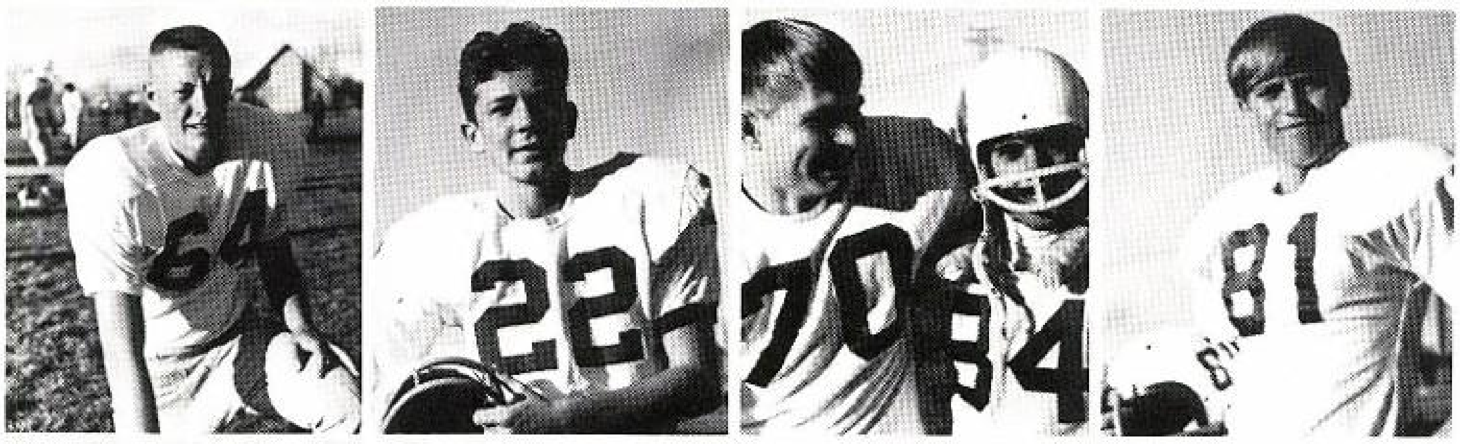

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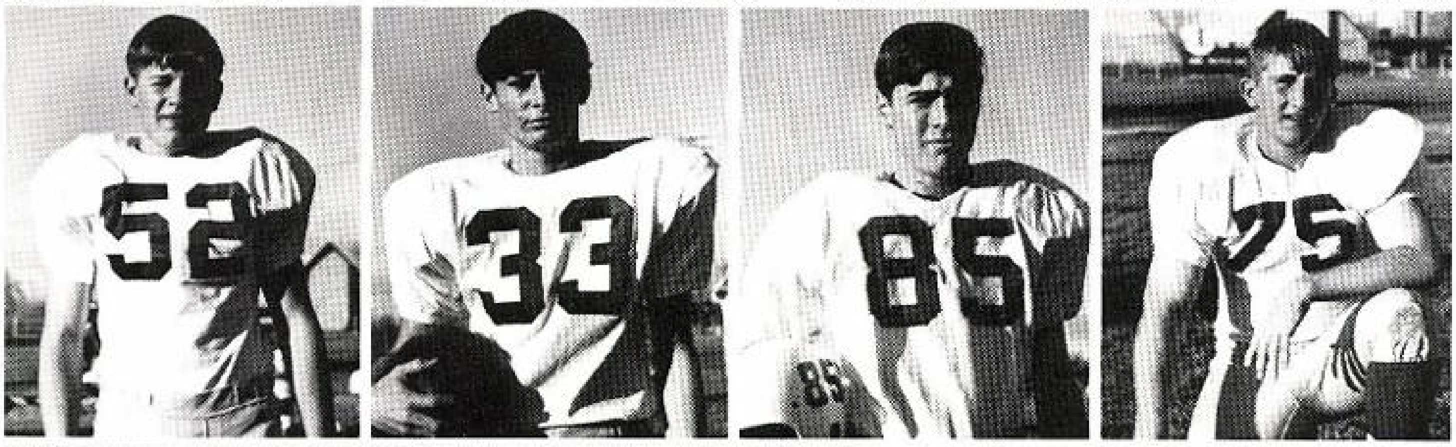

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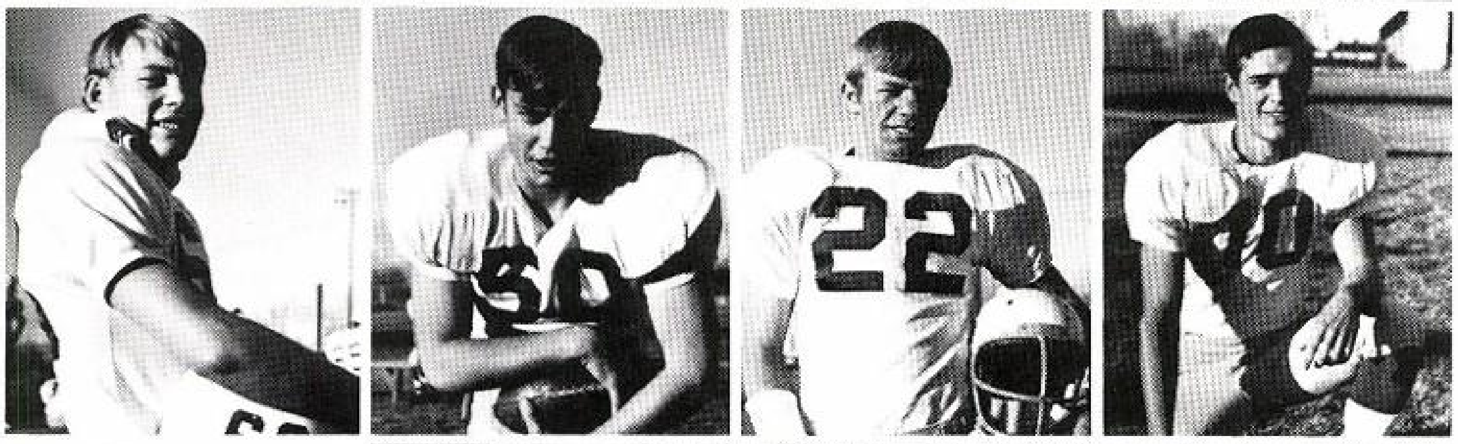

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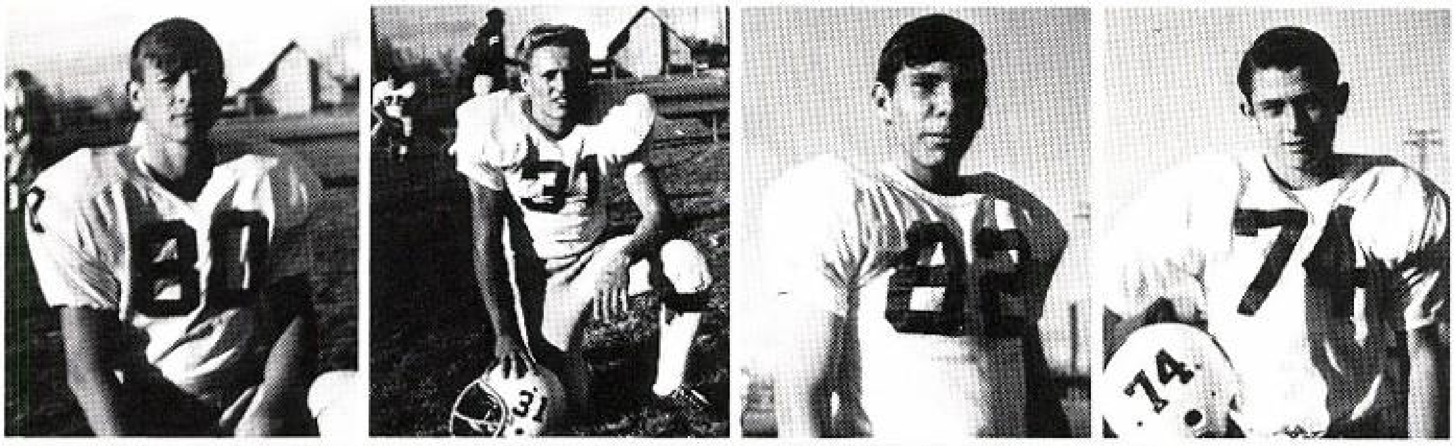

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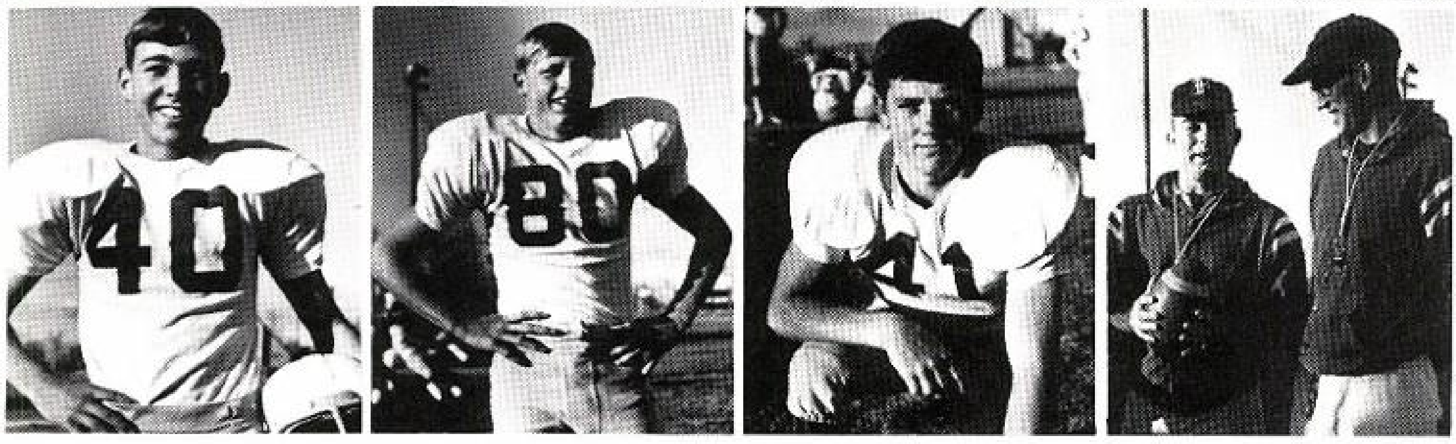

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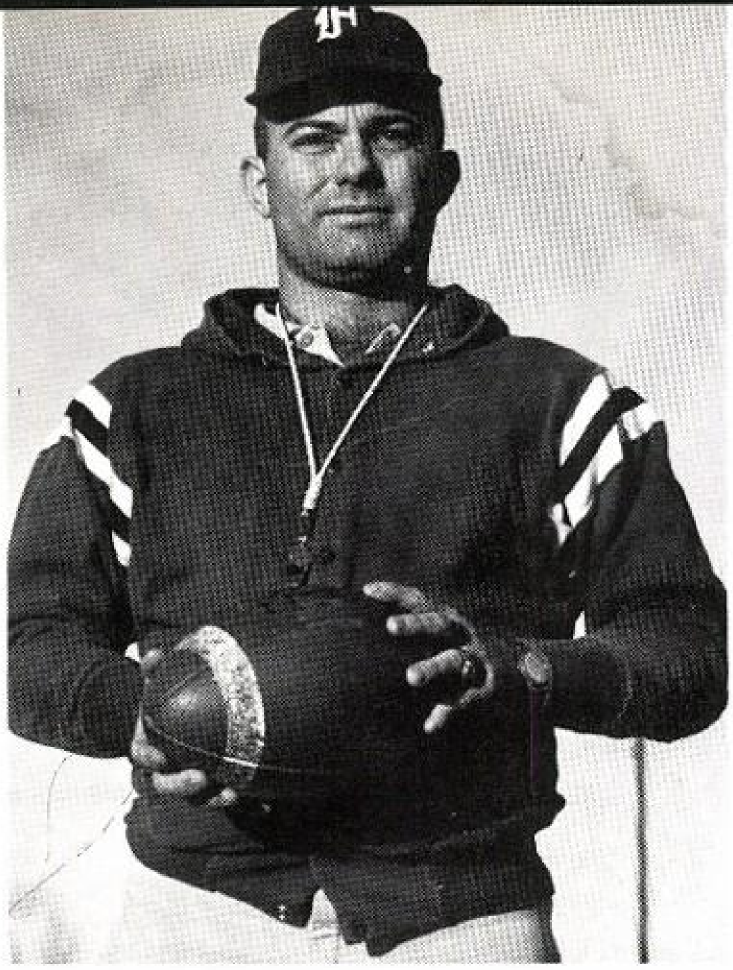
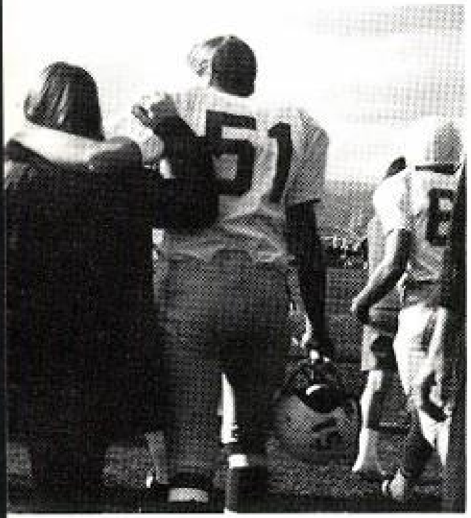
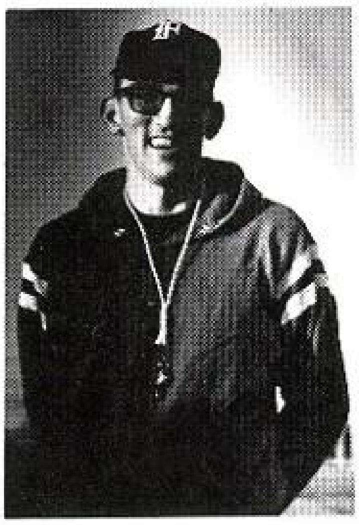


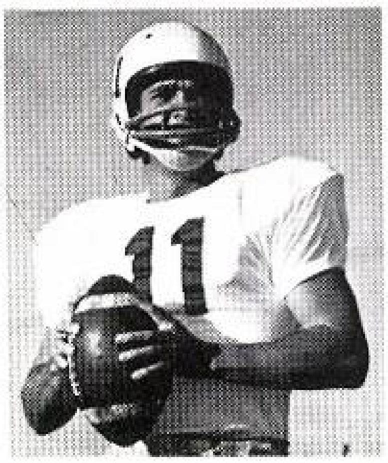
Coaches
Gerald Zybura,
George Reay,
below.

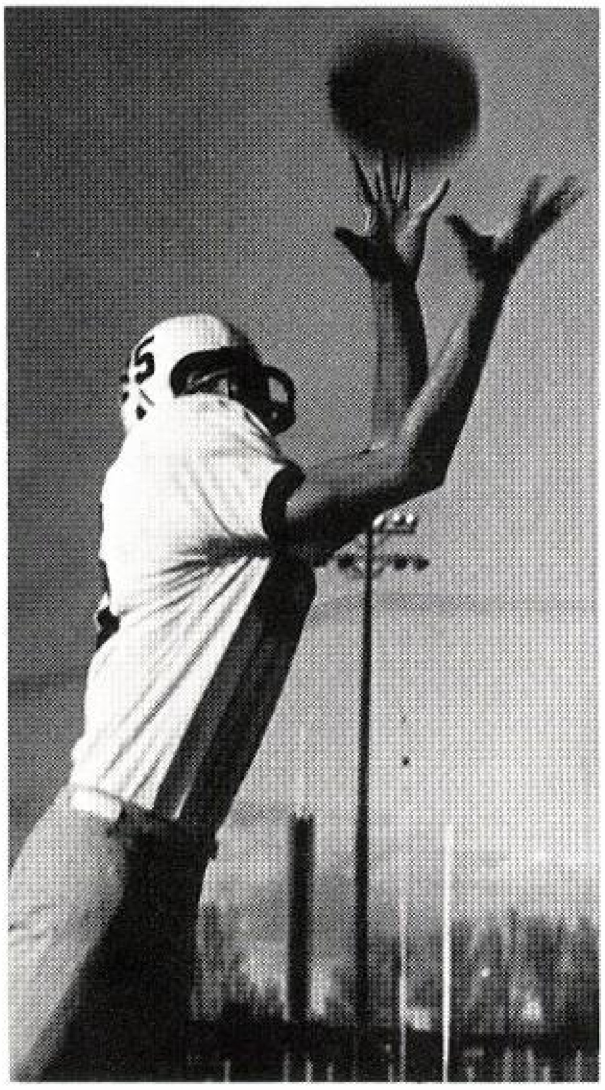
Catapulting powerhouse fullback Norman Vincent or Mickey Bosshardt or Greg Brown across the line, Fruita shattered opponents' defenses as though the foe were made of paper. Opening against Rifle, the 'Cats came on strong with a 13-0 victory in which Rifle managed to eek out only 69 yards rushing. Wildcats slowed somewhat in the second outing, this against Moab. A 7-0 victory for Fruita gave Greg Brown the sole scoring honors in a season generously sprinkled with TD's. Fruita dumped Olathe 20-0 in the third season triumph, then prepared to travel to Cedaredge where 'Cat momentum carried the squad to a 21-7 win. Midway through the nine-game calendar, Coach Gerald Zybura's pigskin eleven readied to host Nucla at Fruita's traditional homecoming fete. Rain all that day made tough sledding, but 'Cats, still rolling, flattened Nucla 21-0 as Bosshardt racked up three touchdowns, kicked one extra point and passed for a third.

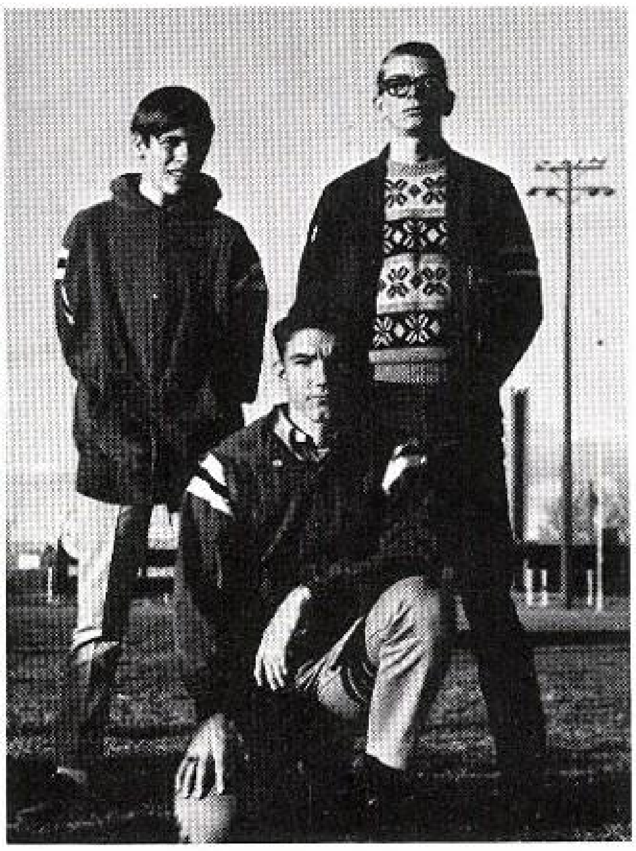




Coach Dave Silver

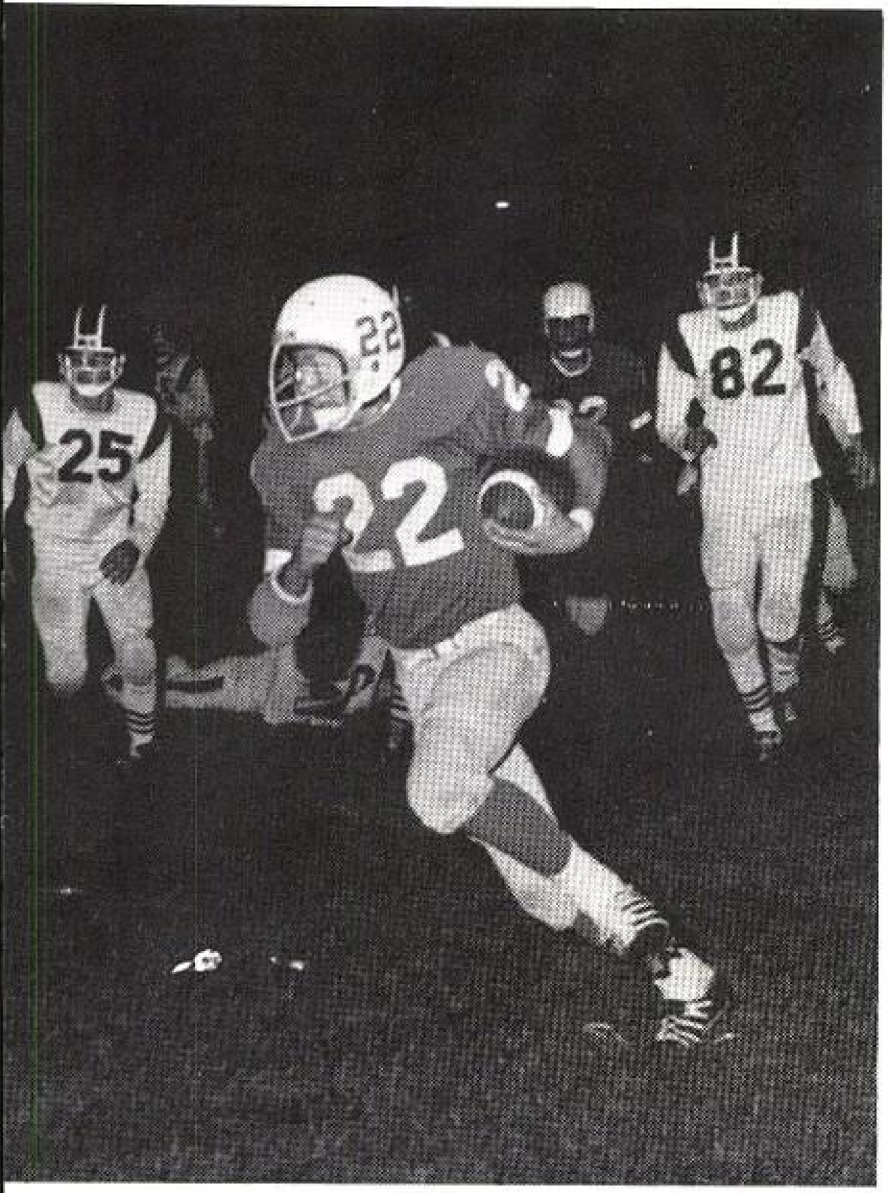






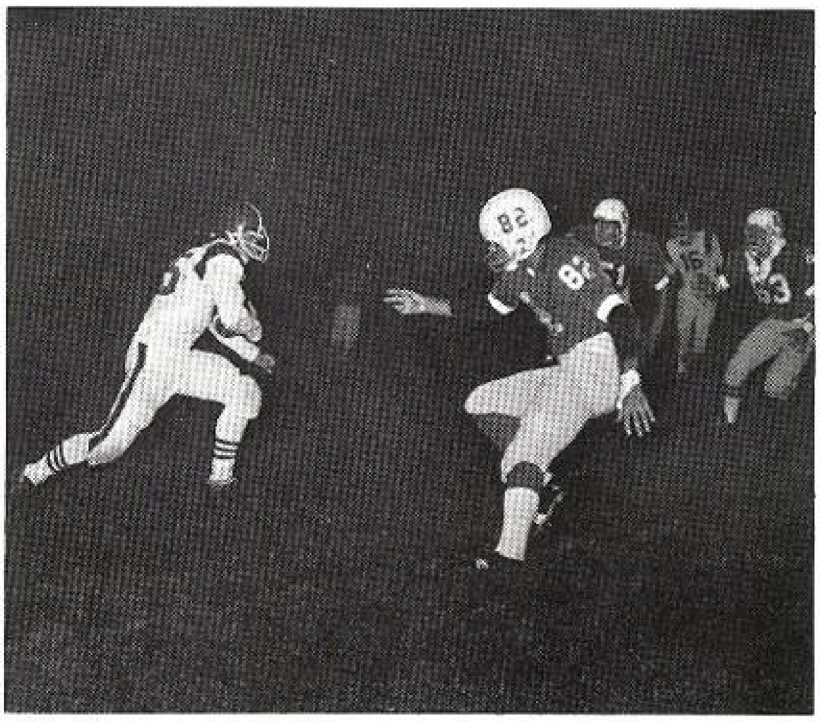
End Tim Tomlinson, left snags a long bomb; above are team managers Michael Lehmann and Larry Schave with trainer Verlan Goss. At middle left, above, Ray Ball quits the field with Geri Brach after the Gunnison bash in which 'Cats chalked up their sixth straight 20-12. Norman Vincent picked up 126 yards rushing against the Cowboys.

Vincent Won All-American Honors



Greyhound-fast Greg Brown scooted up-field with the old apple to add precious yardage for the 'Cats. In their seventh clash, the Wildcats met rugged Paonia which scored most heavily against Fruita. 'Cats won by a slim 26-20.

Paul Kochevar, Ray Ball and Mike Moon converge on a runner just before the trap is sprung, below. It was the tough Hotchkiss Bulldogs which spoiled Fruita's unbeaten record in season play. A 6-6 tie in game eight slowed Wildcats to a stand-still. All-conference, All-state fullback Norman Vincent scored Fruita's one TD.



Strung out like a Diesel locomotive and its cars, Fruita's gridiron eleven popped Greg Brown into Moab's secondary where Stan Koziol built a brick wall against attackers. Eddie Botkin, Don Bristol, Paul Kochevar, Ray Ball, Mickey Bosshardt and Glenn Erkman were also in on the action. In its last league encounter, Coach Zybura's rugged squad took special pains not to repeat the '68 contest with arch-rival Palisade. That year, confident, Fruita came home a loser by one point. In '69 the 'Cats made certain with a 48-7 victory. In the Class AA quarterfinal playoff, Meeker dumped Fruita 20-13.

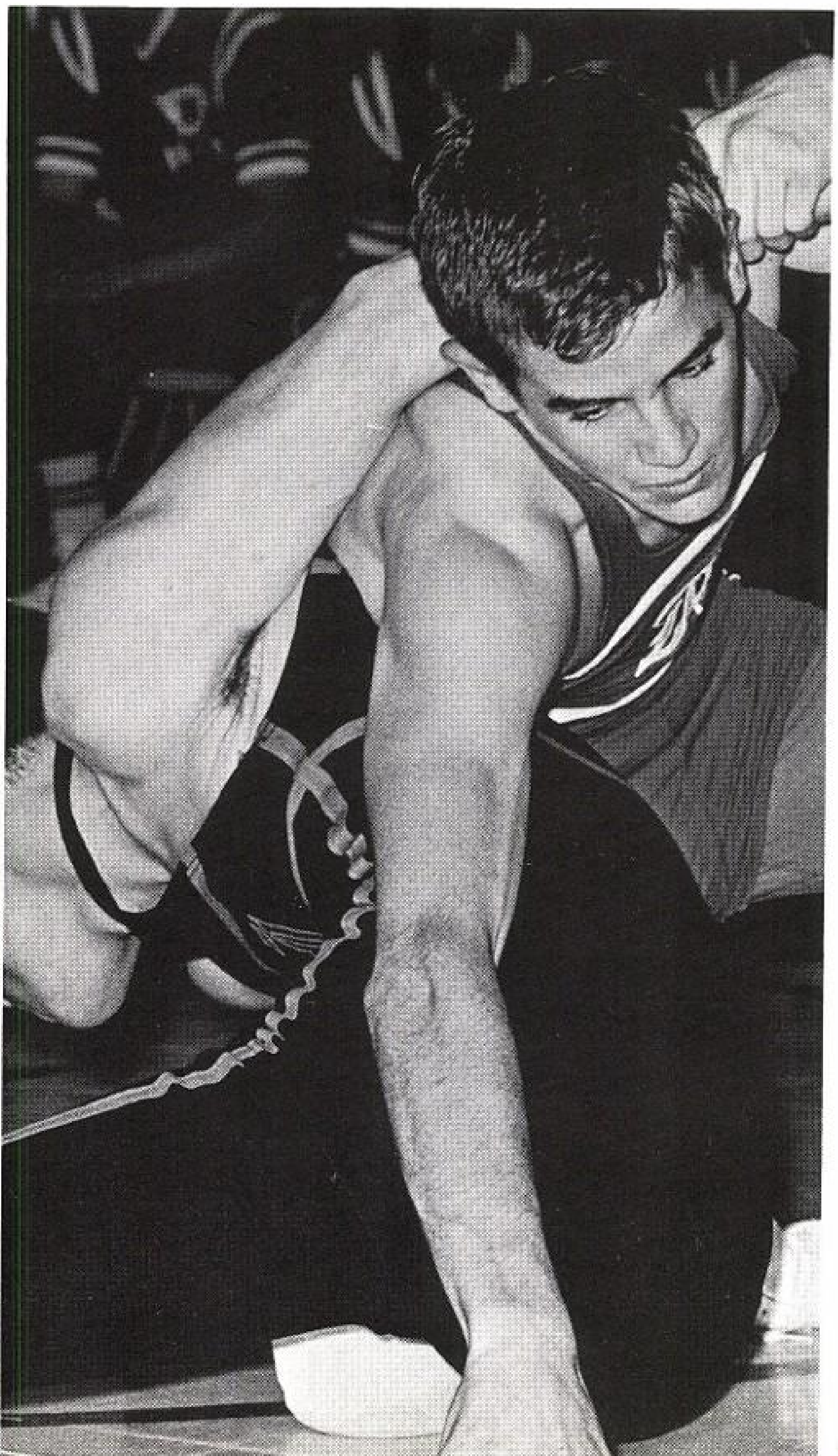
Wildcat King of Pins

Mat scientist, Coach Jack Pollock, adroitly melded twelve strong bodies into a vulcanized entity, tougher, more durable than ever. Infusing his completed work with Wildcat spirit, he again took Fruita into state championships with six winners from divisional wrestle-off's.

2nd FASTEST COACH IN THE WEST!

Pin-King
Coach Jack Pollock
A Sweet Taste
For Winning

Mary Lou Rooks, Paulie Fugate and Sheila Sewell, wrestling's finest fans, added noise and charm to the mat scene; below are Larry Reed, left, and Robert Rooks receiving his medal.



Wrestling fans thrilled as Fruita's 165-pound top 'Cat on the mat Norman Vincent whipped Grand Junction's Dan Cox 3-2 to break Cox' unbeaten record. It all happened at the Western Slope District Qualifying meet in February. Fruita emerged from the meet in second spot — just four points behind the Tigers who won with 86 points. Larry Reed, left, Ed Serrano, Mickey Bosshardt, Jim Stockert and Swany Monger also grabbed crowns for the Wildcats.

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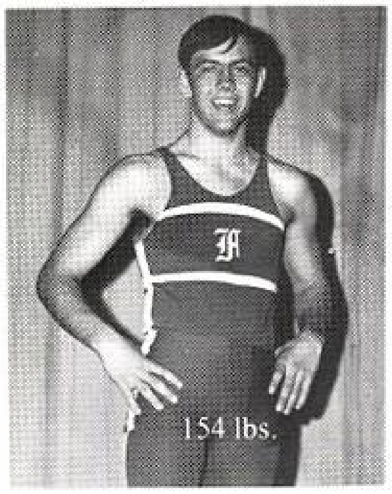

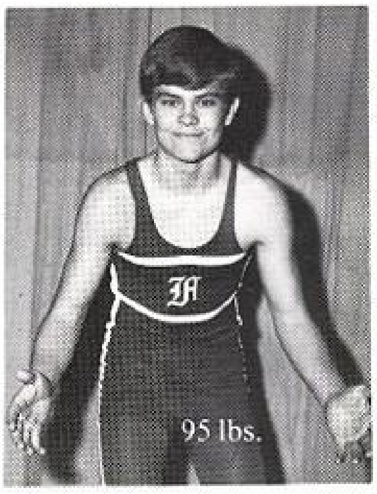

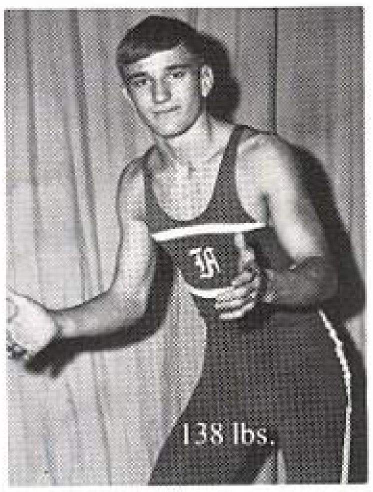

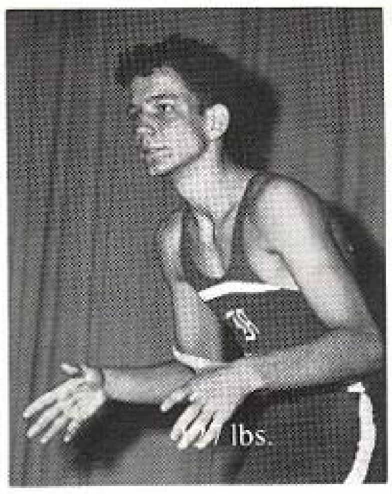

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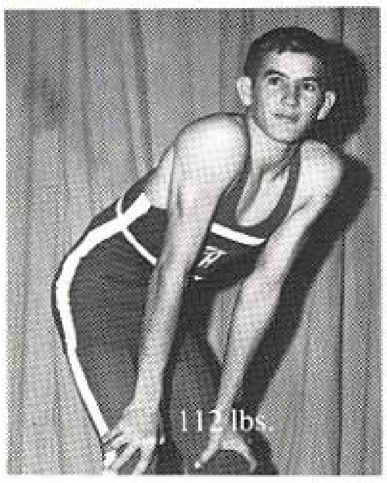

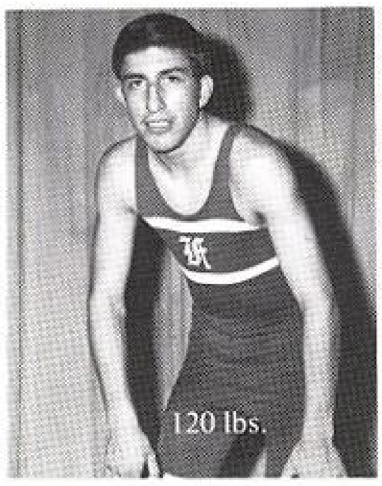

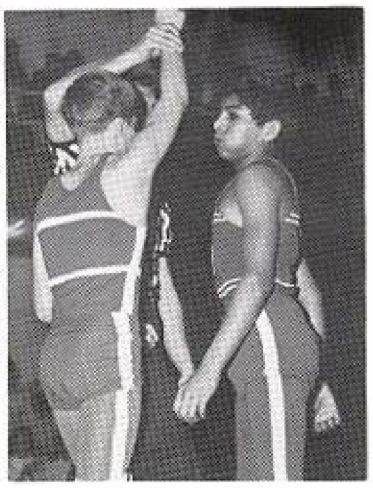

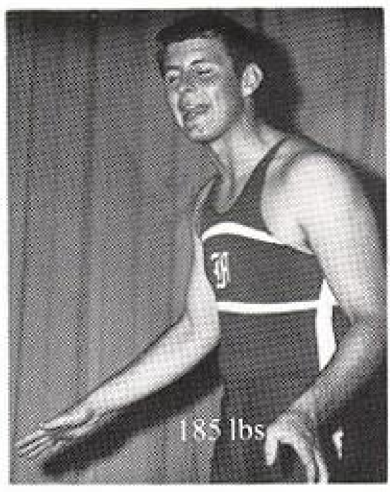

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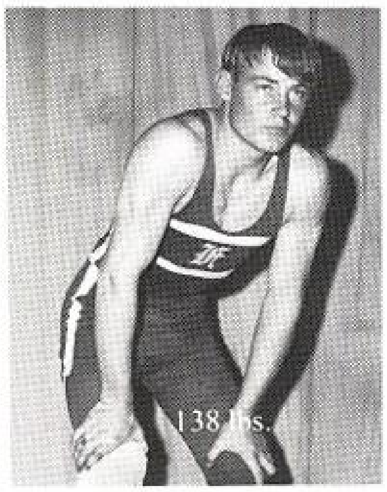
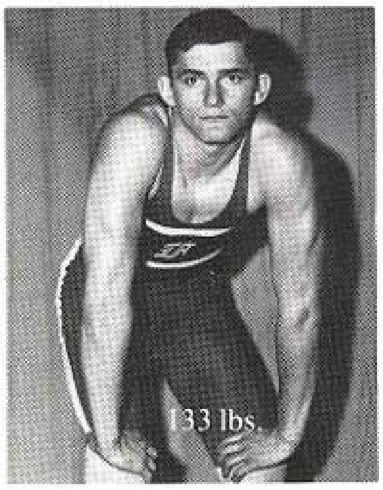
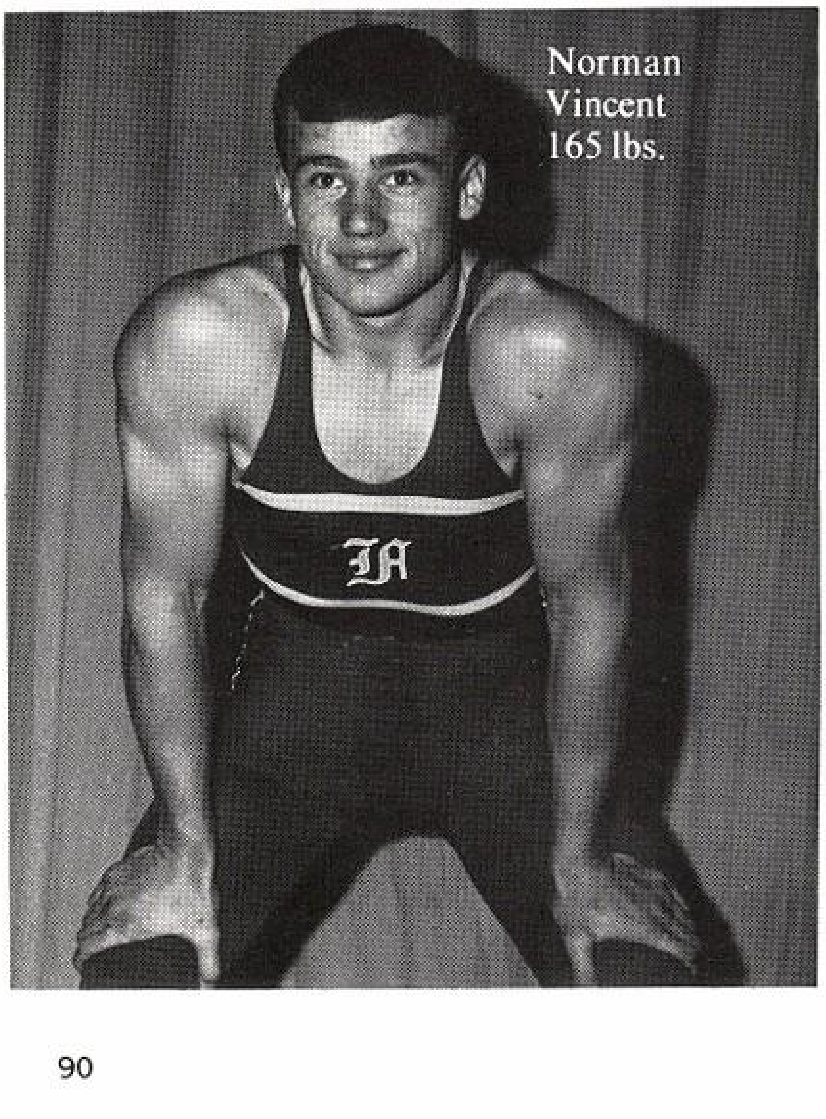
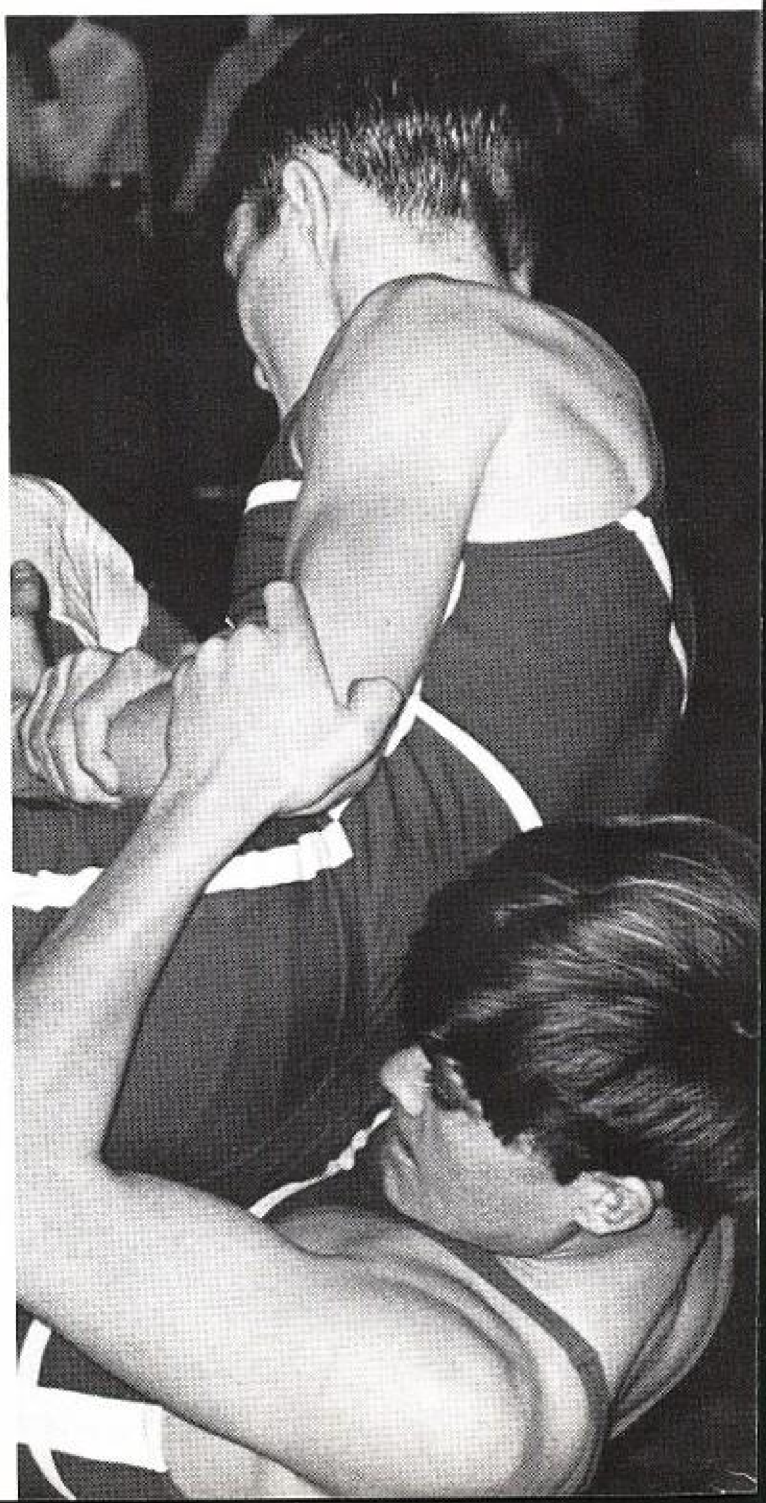


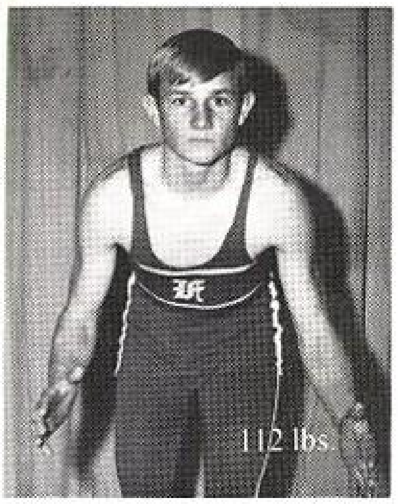


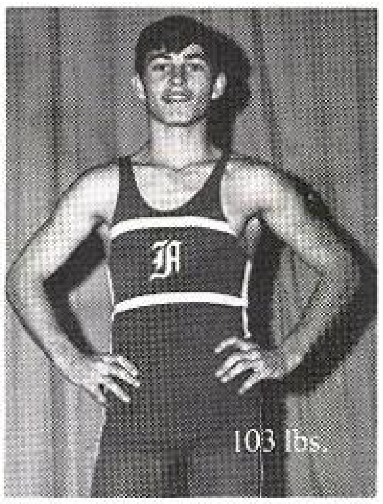
Outstanding Wrestler

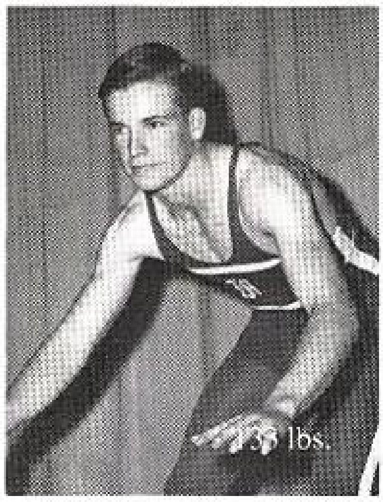

Norman
Vincent
165 lbs.

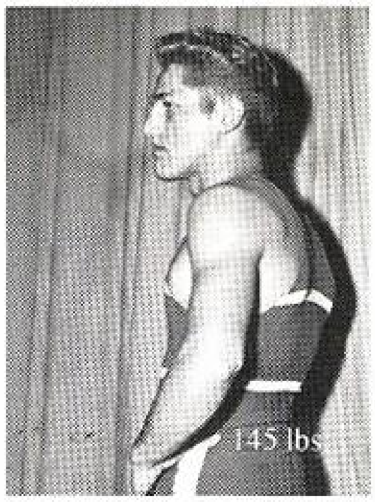
Fruita's small bundle of dynamite Swany Monger rolls with Central 95-pounder Rick Hurt in a match which Monger finally won 2-0. Fruita took the dual meet 31-14. Monger won the match in the final 20 seconds with a switch after starting the period down under.











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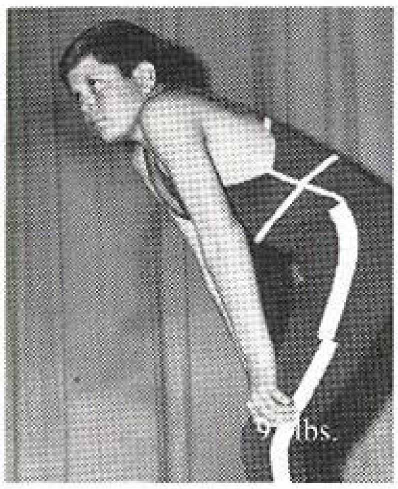

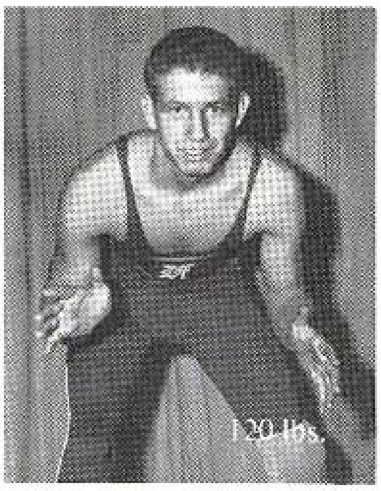

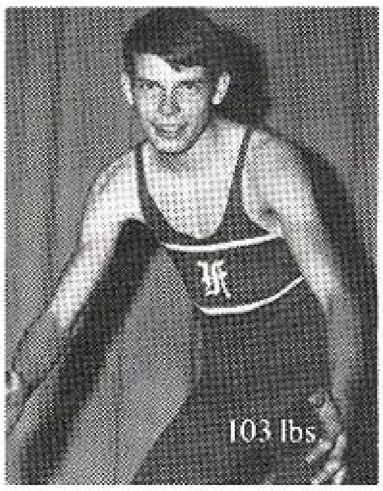

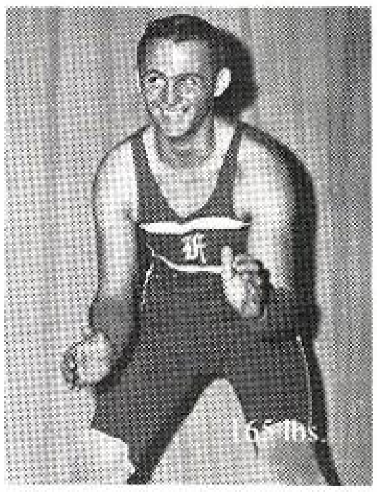

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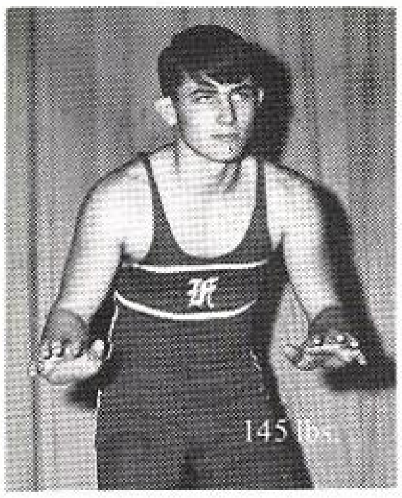

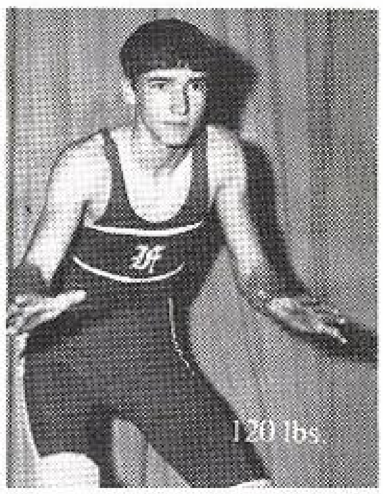

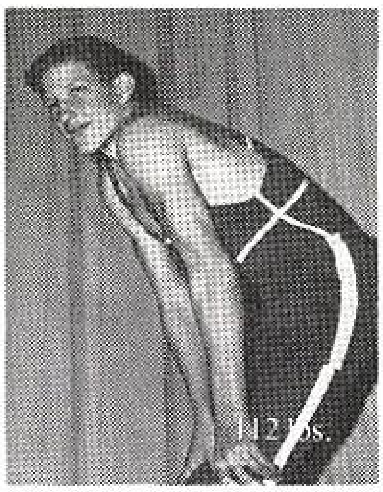

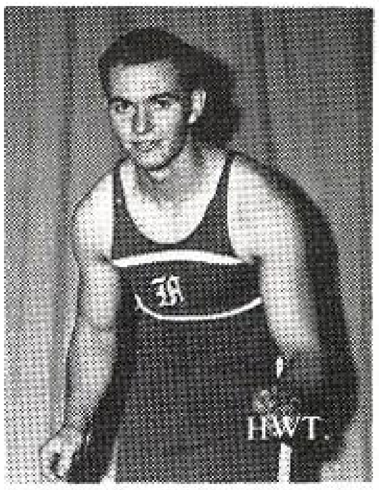

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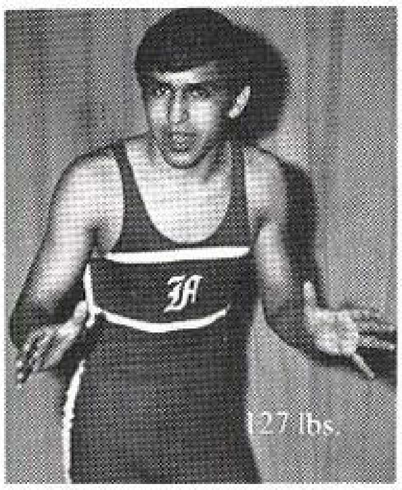

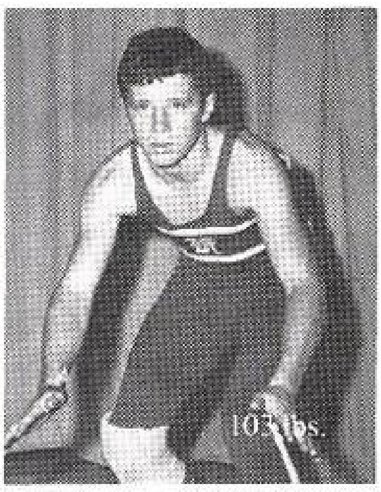

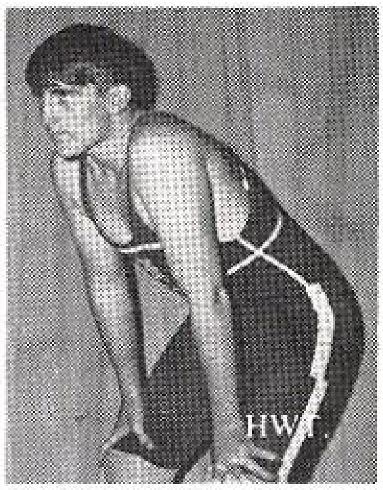

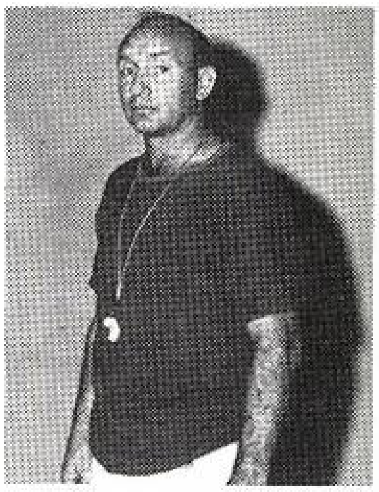

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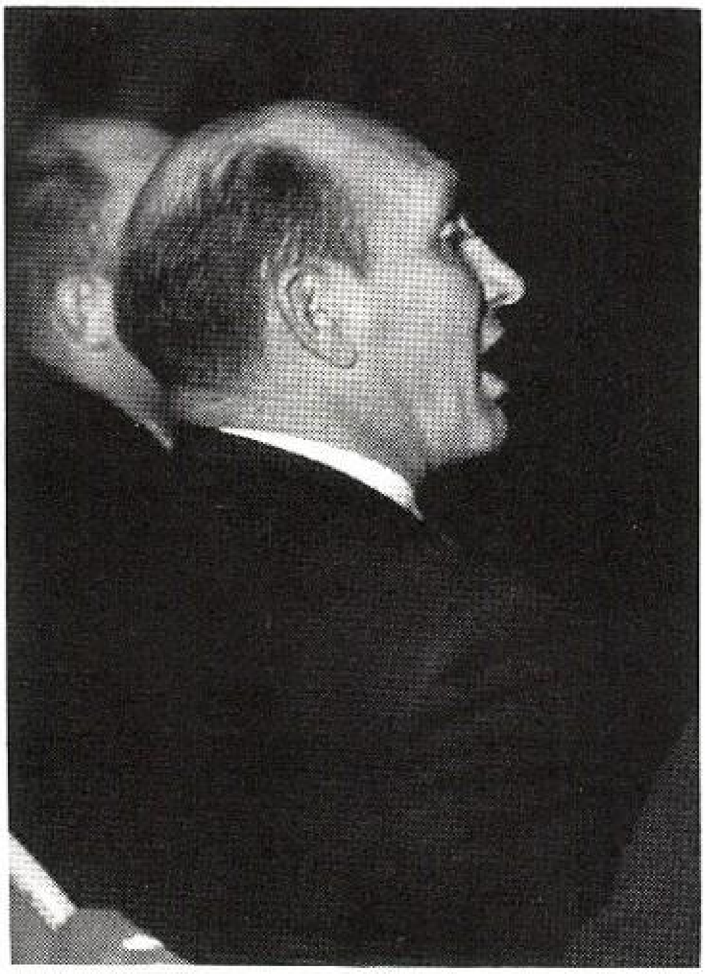
'Cats Surprised Tigers at Slope Fray

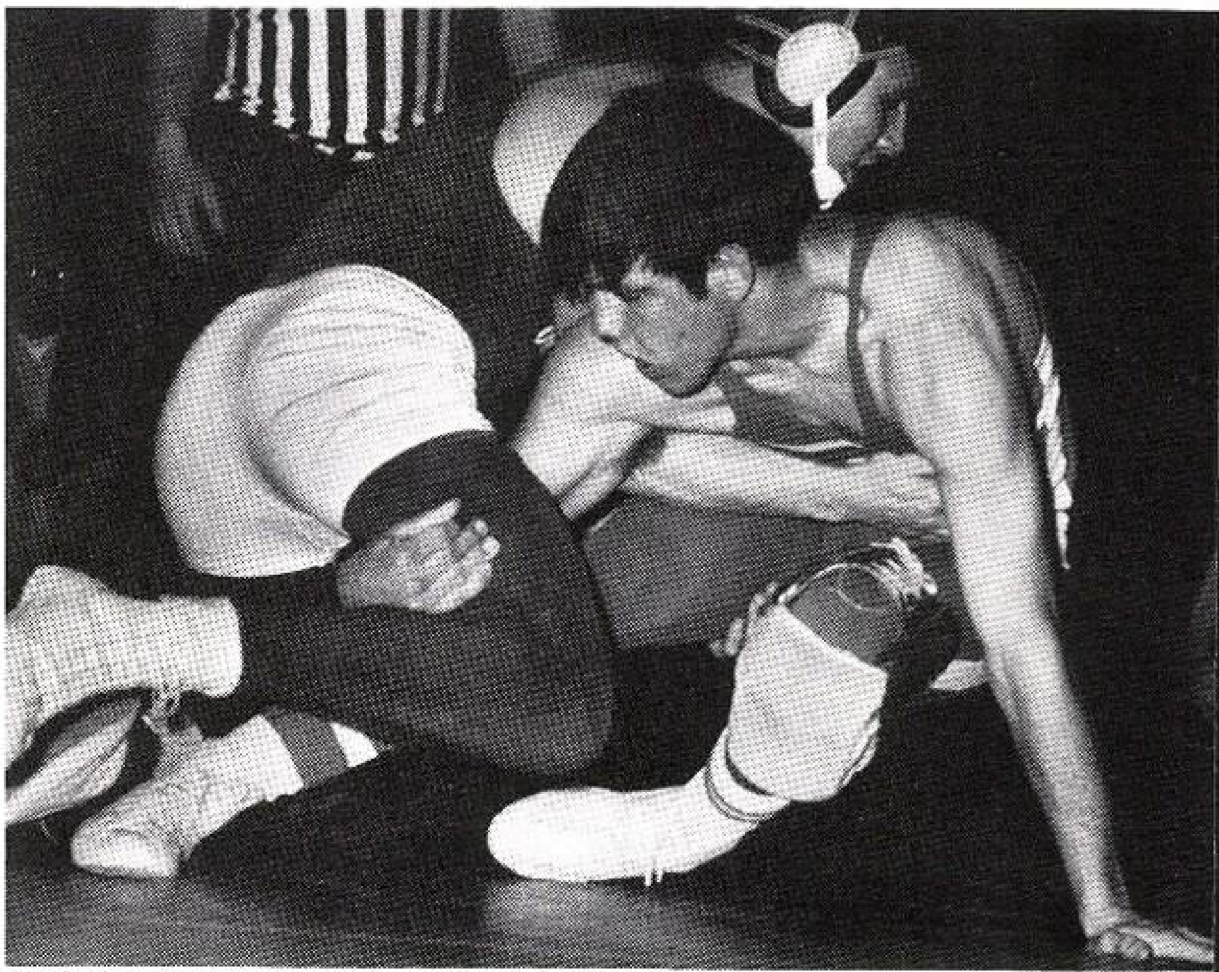
Chanting, "We are number one! We are number one!" Wildcat fans took the roof off at Grand Junction as Coach Jack Pollock's Wildcat Wrestling squad took the sap out of the Junction Tigers 23-21 in a blood-boiling battle. After gaining wins in two of the first three contests, 'Cats held to a slim lead throughout the battle. Travis Williams found the meet resting on his broad shoulders; he had to avoid being pinned by Tiger Dan Cox, and Williams in a supreme effort, pulled it off. He lost 8-0, but the meet and the day belonged to Fruita and fans!

Every Squad Feared Fruita

Glistening in sweat, senior veteran Travis Williams gets a post-match briefing of the mat-side version of how he looked. Assistant Coach Gerald Zybura fills him in. A mainstay of the 'Cat squad, Travis turned on the steam to finish his career with the Blue and White in the grand style.

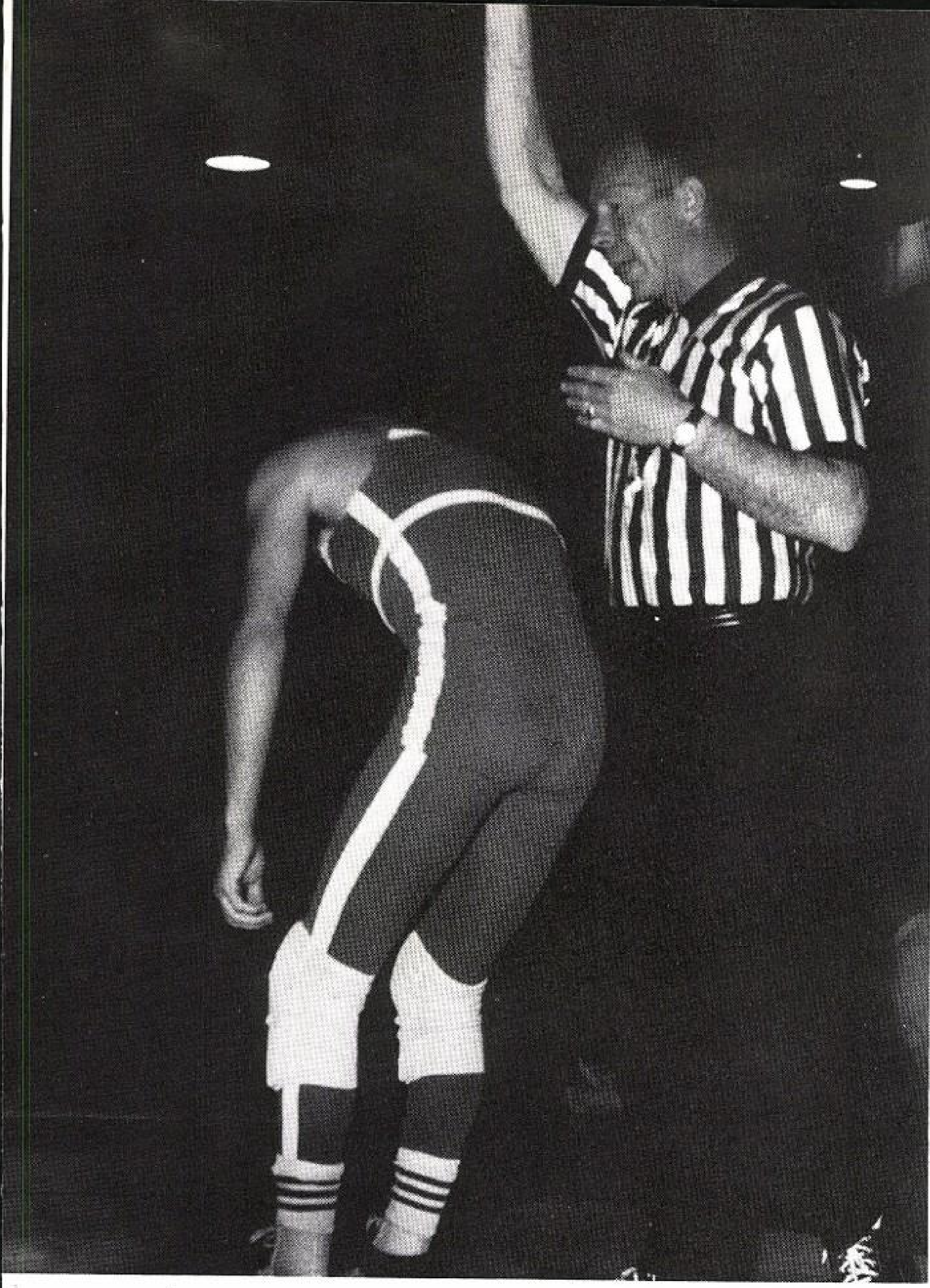
Head Wrestling Coach Jack Pollock, below, Fruita's pride and the sport's best, shouts encouragement from mat-side. Traditionally Coach Pollock has put together one of Western Colorado's toughest squads — teams able to upset Grand Junction's highly touted Tigers and shred tournament hopes of far larger and noisier schools. He's a pro.





Don Bristol Comes Out Tough.

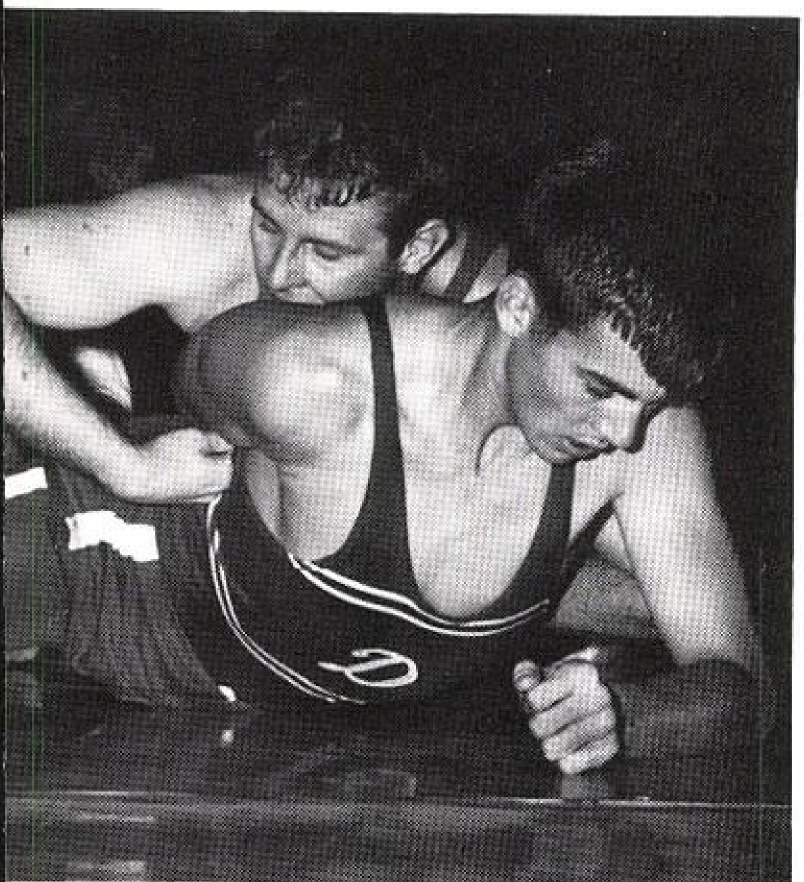
Rests were few for Wildcat matmen as a full calendar flashed day-by-day toward the district qualifying meet in February. Coach Carl Cox of Grand Junction said, "I feel Fruita is the toughest competition for us because of their team balance." And Coach Cox was correct; Fruita stormed into the qualifying meet to grab second place — just four pints off the Tiger mark. Norman Vincent shattered Tiger complacency by downing undefeated Dan Cox of Grand Junction 3-2; State Champion Larry Reed came through, as did Ed Serrano, Mickey Bosshardt, Jim Stockert, and Swany Monger. Don Bristol, although he did not win a qualifying first, set the Tigers on their ear and got the fans off their seats as he put Tiger Dennis Miller down tough and almost pinned the wily foe. With qualifying matches out of the way, Coach Pollock and the 'Cat squad traveled to Denver for state competition. Grand Junction and Fruita were both considered real threats; 'Cats, however, were unable to pull off a championship rout. But '69 had been the best of seasons for the best of teams.

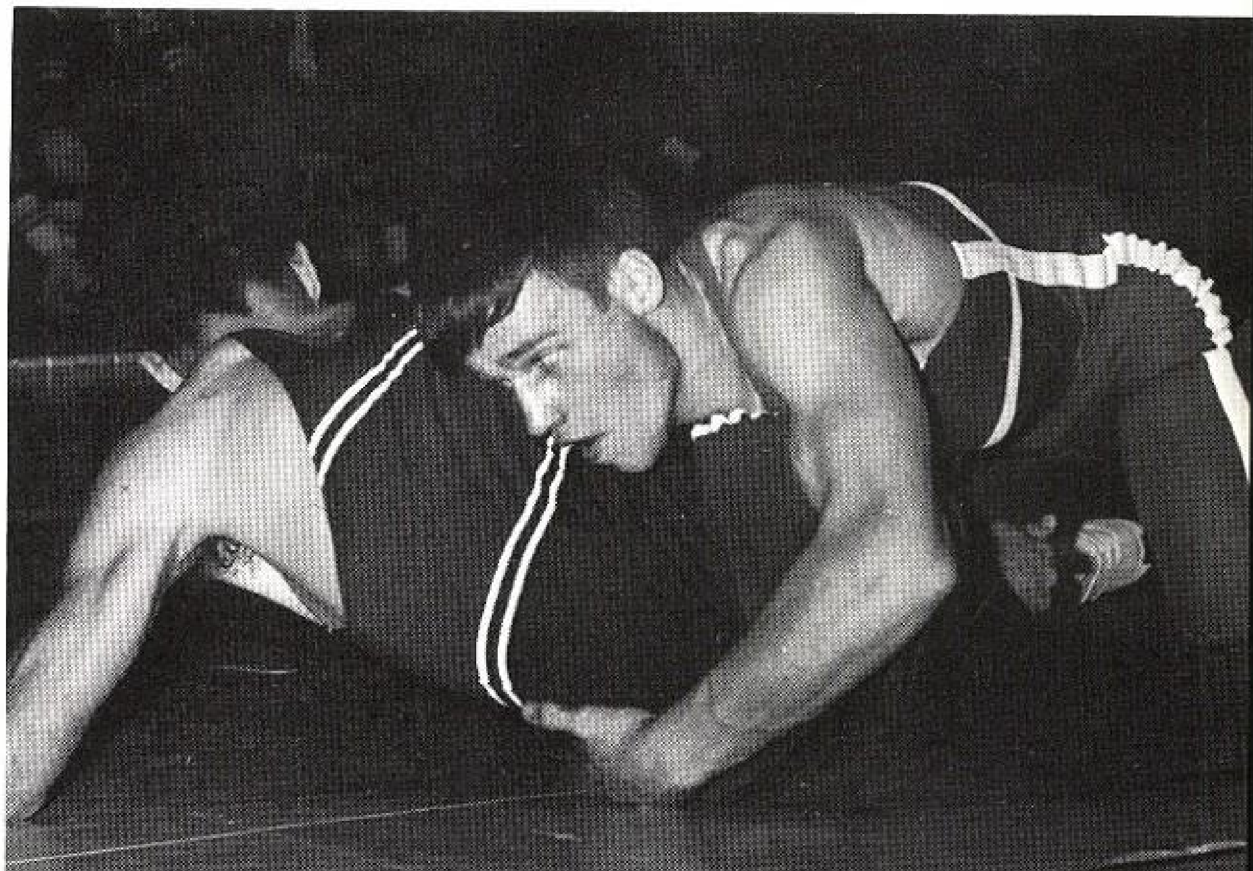


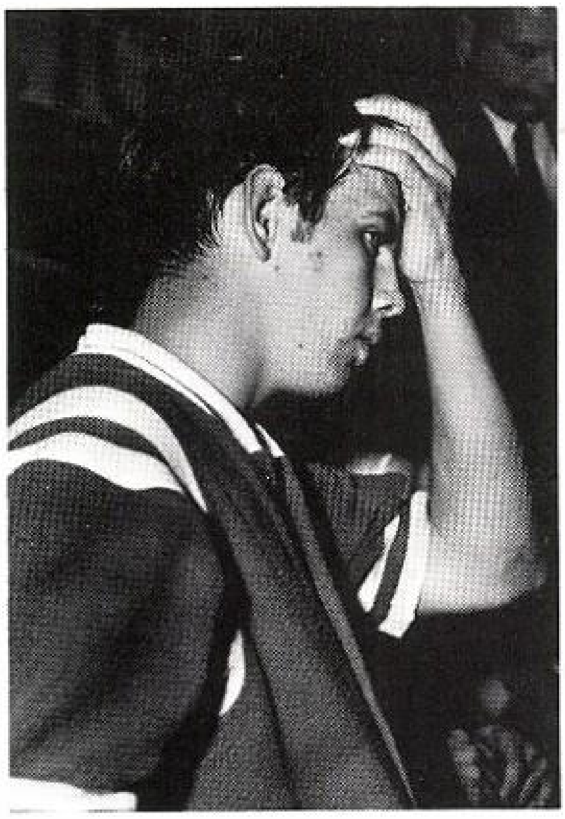
Bent in exhaustion, a victorious Wildcat matman is deaf to the cheers or the referee's signal. He is alone — for now.

Travis Williams, bottom left, and ironman Norman Vincent, bottom right, ride their opponents hard into the mat trying for that all-important pin-fall.

Coach Bill Trump, below, proved to be an important cog in Fruita's wrestling machinery. Dependable year-after-year, Coach Trump contributed much to Fruita's winning ways in the mat competition.







Don Bristol

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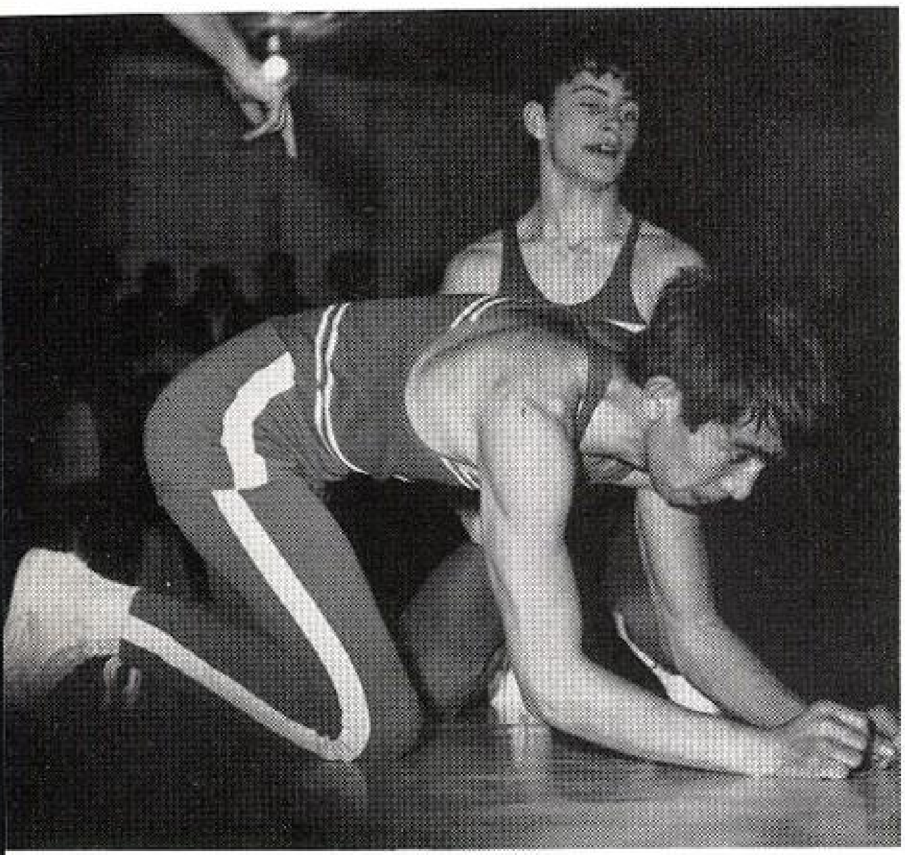
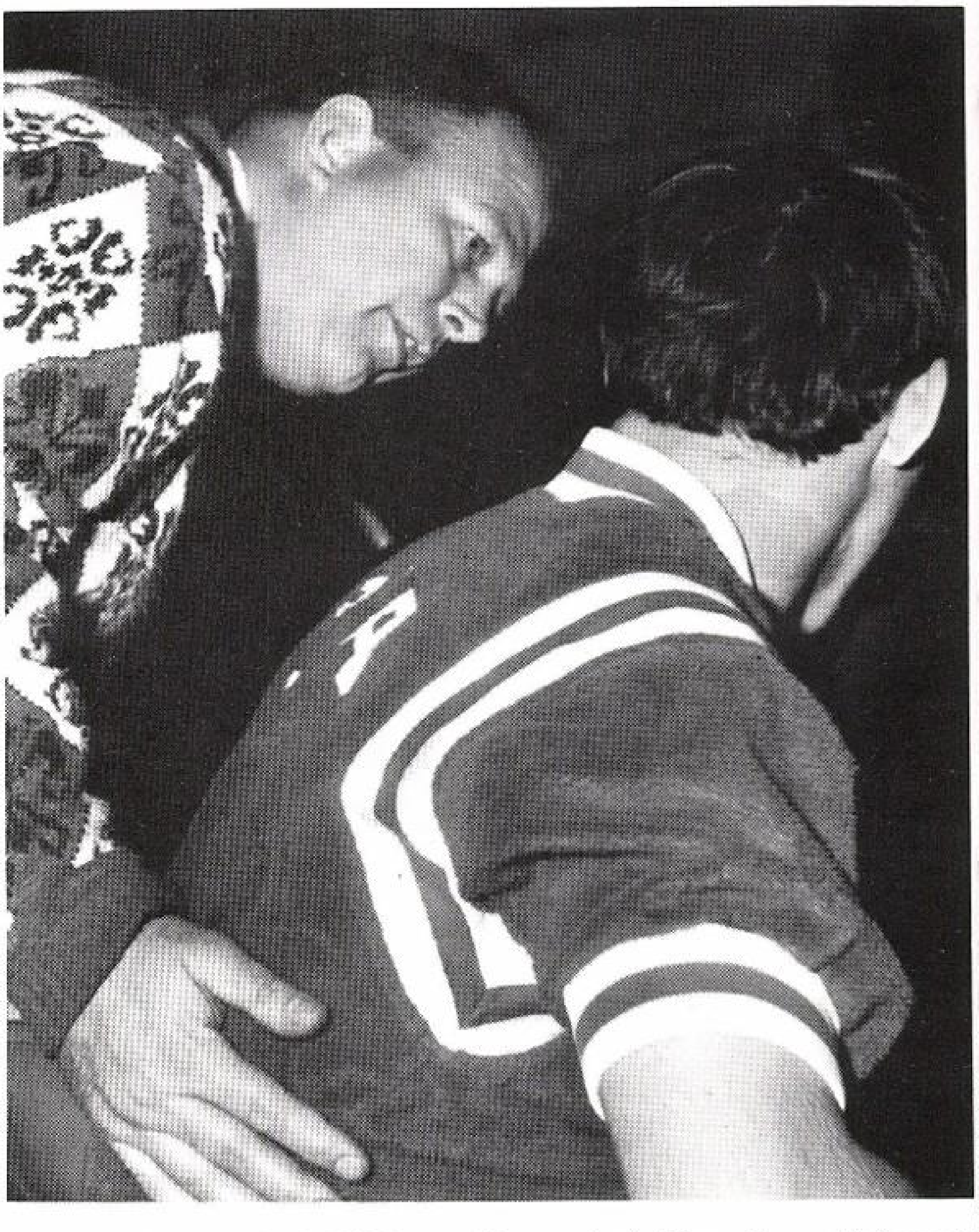


Robert Rooks fills his aching lungs with musty air of the crowded gym and prepares to take the up position for the next period. Fruita defeated Golden 28-14, took Arvada West 29-9, then bowed to Montrose 20-22 in a sizzler.

Seasoned Wildcats wrestled with a passion to dump arch-foe Palisade 34-12 in one of the year's most rewarding matches. Off to a strong start, the free-wheeling 'Cats gained momentum with a one-sided victory over Durango 42-6, then went on to topple Central 24-17. Fruita pulled out all the stops against Delta to win over the Panthers 39-3. The 'Cats totaled three pinfalls and seven decisions in that face-off. And the prize came when Wildcats nipped Tigers in Tigerland 23-21. What a night!



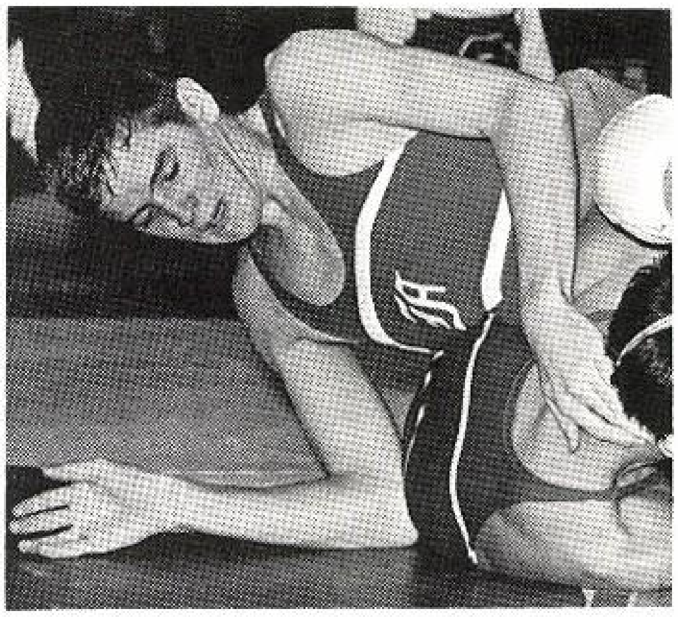
Assistant Coach Bill Trump offers words of advice and a world of experience to senior Stan Koziol before Koziol takes to the mat. In a second outing against the Grand Junction Tigers, Fruita was forced to face defeat 19-21 as the Tigers came on strong. Fruita took Price, Utah, 40-6 in an extra-league match which strengthened 'Cats.

Robert Rooks

The Longest Wait In Sports

Perry Morlang

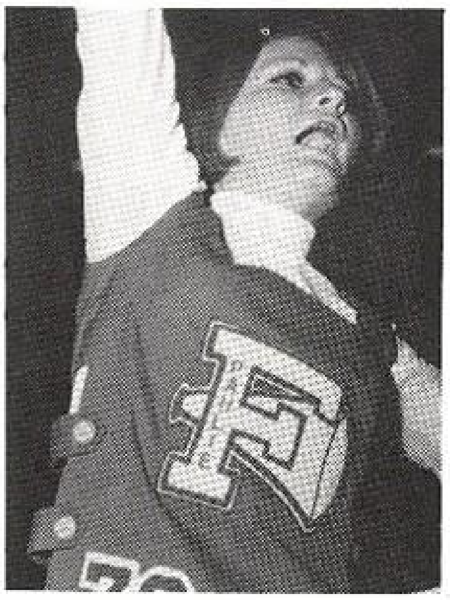
Everybody Loves a Winner



With a calculated precision of the skilled and knowledgeable wrestler, Larry Reed turns his man into position for the pinfall. Reed went all the way to Denver before meeting his match.

In junior varsity competition, Wildcats surge around Perry Morland who has successfully been in the fray and back. Offering congratulations are David DePriest, Larry Watson, Gale Valencia, Stan Koziol, Steve Sewell, Mike Moon and Todd Burwell. In wrestling a man goes it alone until the final whistle; then comes the reunion.

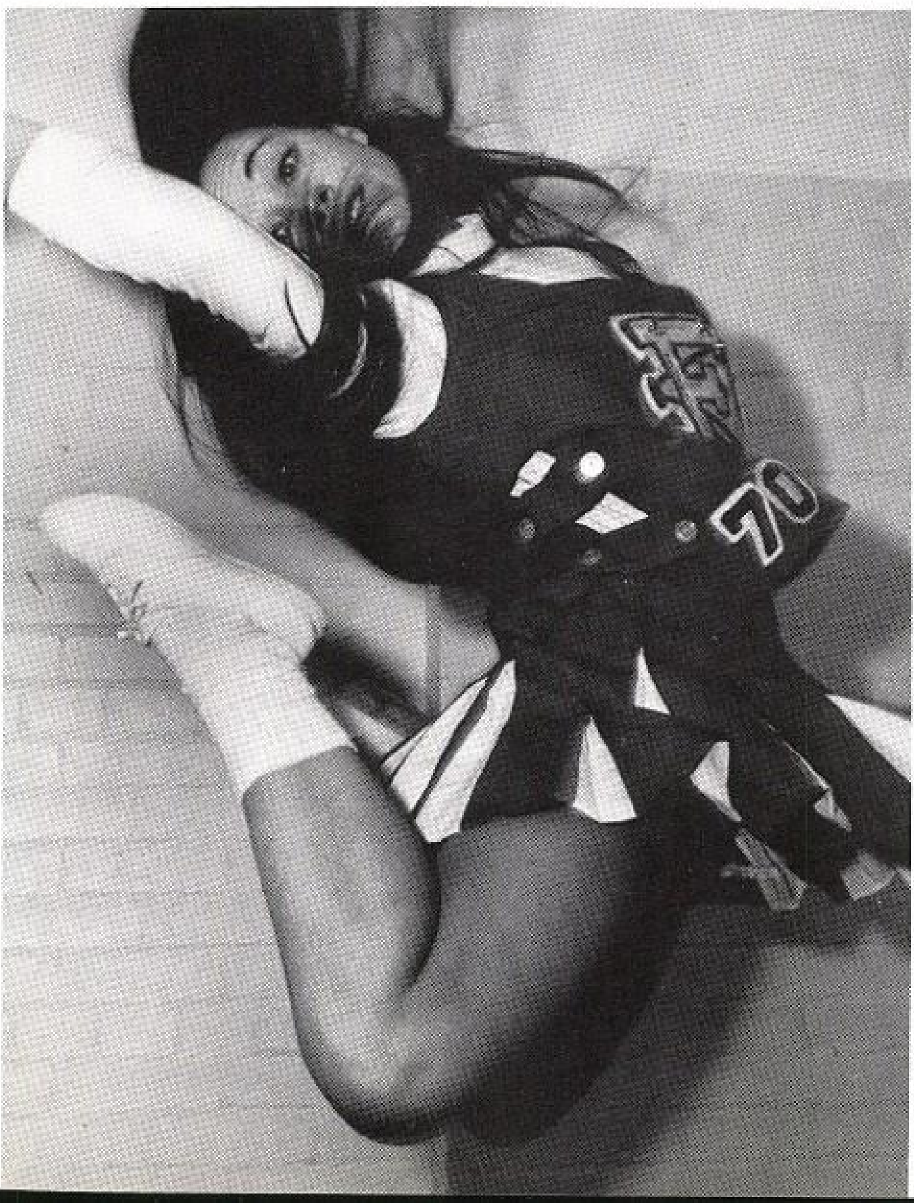
In Mat Circles All Coloradans Know Jack's 'Cats

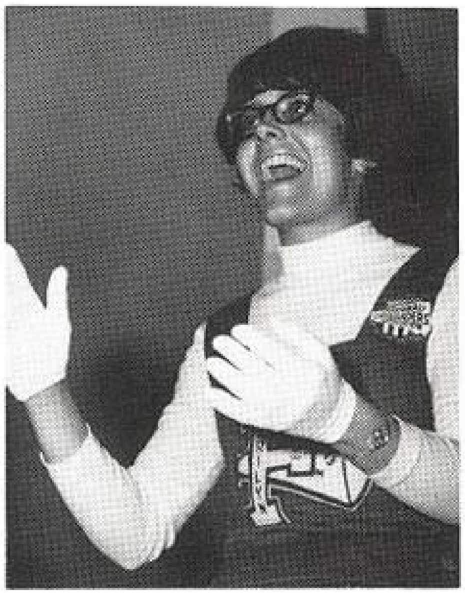


Pert bundles of noise so demure, yet so full of vinegar — that was the cheerleading corps in '69. Eight whirlwinds in skirts fanned sparks of spirit among 'Cat boosters until bleachers were ablaze with unbridled enthusiasm. They devoted endless hours to practicing routines and to skull sessions in search of ways to rejuvenate a wan, listless student body. Out of the think tank came a week of raillery called Spirit Days, a contest to find the Fastest Coach in the West and the S-P-I-R-I-T Treasure Hunt. Cheerleaders led Fruita's Pep Club to capture the spirit trophy at the league hoop tournament in March.

Pepsters Incited a Riot Of Cheers for Victory

'Let spirit dominate!' cried yell leaders. "Crazy," answered students and bopped off to other things. Marilyn Richards, Janet Rowe, Costa Watson, Kathy McIntyre and Susan Withrow covered basketball action; Sheila Sewell, Mary Lou Rooks and Paulie Fugate were at matside to blister ears with cheers.



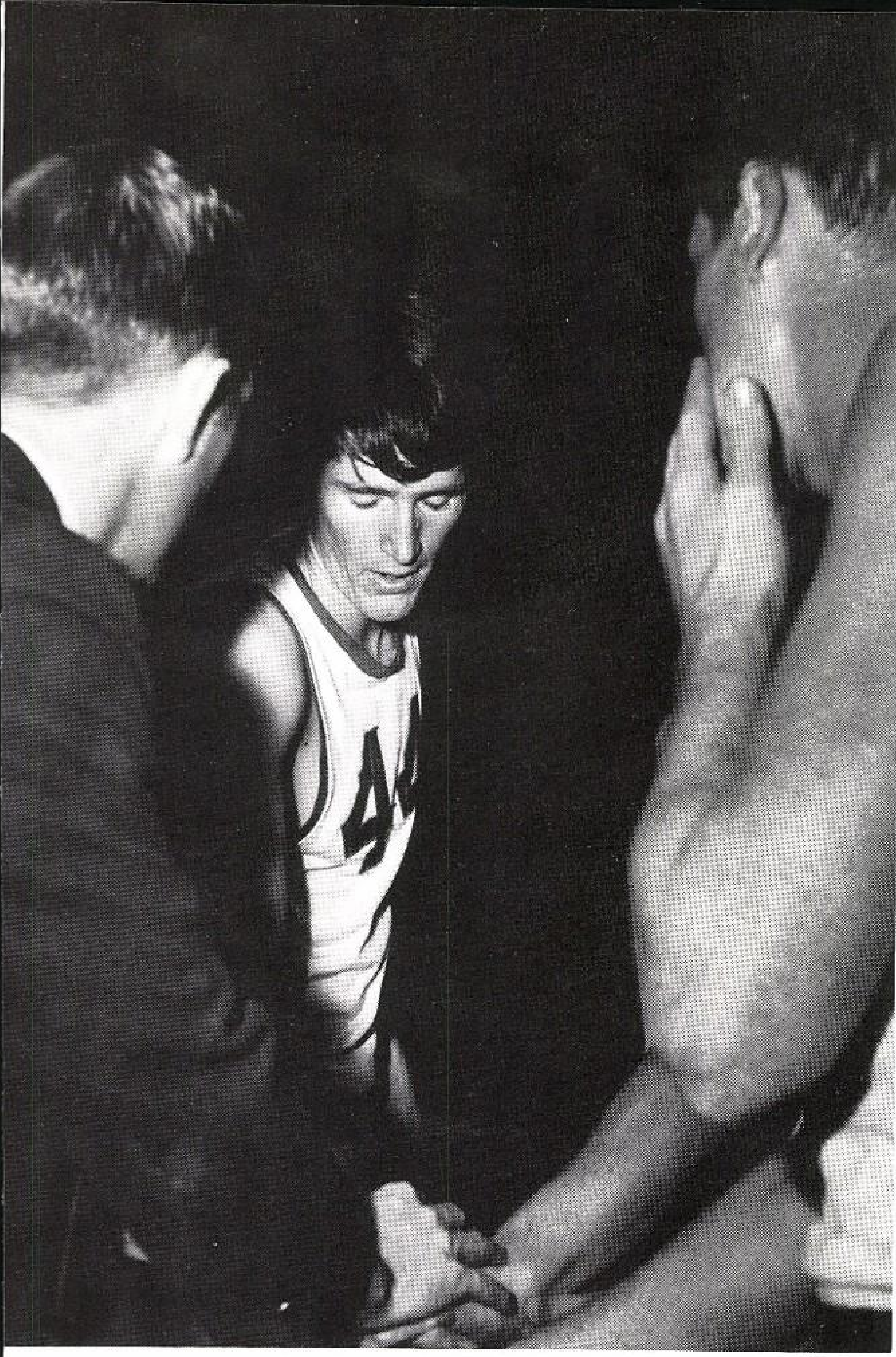


Novice Hoopsters Gained Experience

Coaches
Lowry Bishop
David Silver

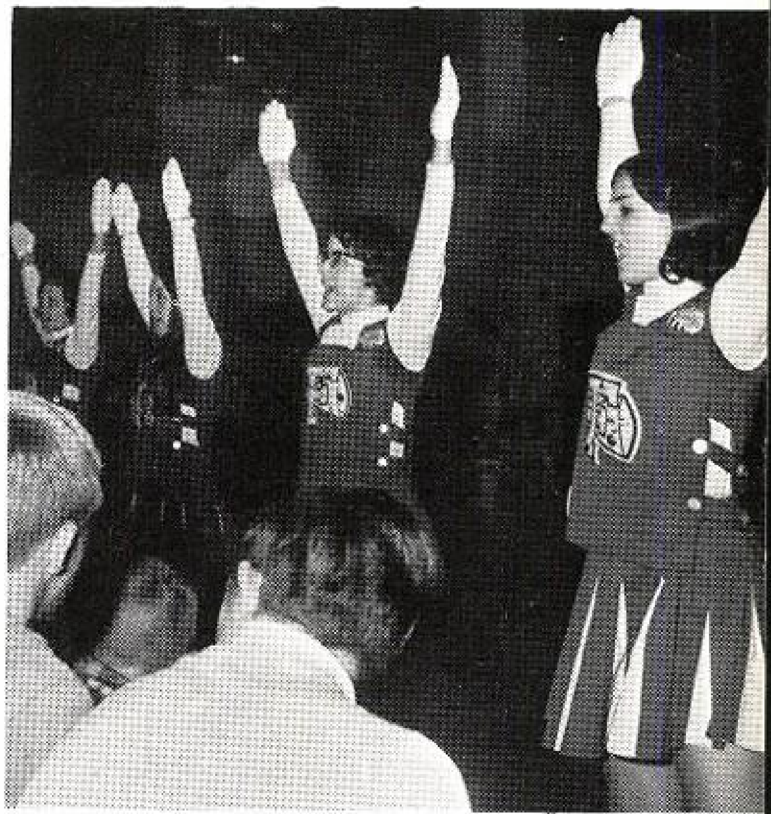
Coach Lowry Bishop's agile court quintet began the season with one returning veteran and wound up with eight experienced men who had logged many a session on the hard wood. In between, Fruita took its lumps, winning some, but mostly gaining experience and building for the '70 calendar in Fruita Monument High School's large, stadium-like gymnasium. At season's end, Coach Bishop summarized the year's developments: "The players worked hard to improve their own skills, and they improved the team. This team improved more than any other I have coached — ever. Within themselves they developed a desire to win."

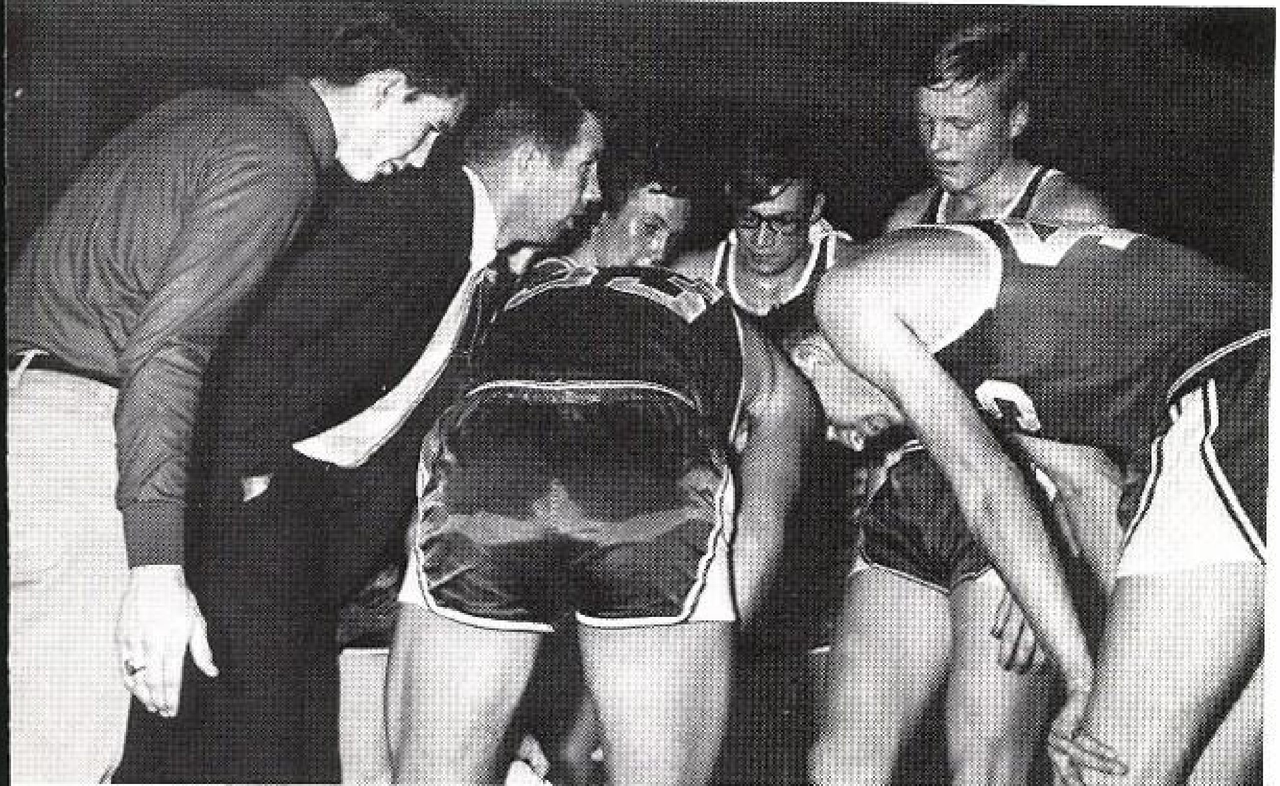
Coach Bishop was impressed most in '69 by the manner in which his young squad met tough challenges on the court both well and quickly; they came away from each tussle a little more mature, more self-confident. But the coach also cautioned that squadmen will have to see a sport as more than just a game. To play well, the coach insists, a basketball player must approach the contest as though it were a way of life. "How much they are willing to put into the game, and how much players are willing to sacrifice will determine how much growth and development they will derive from it," the coach vowed. "Team winning," said Coach Bishop, has to be put above personal desires." The coach referred specifically to training rules, the hang-up.



Gearld Clawson — left, with Coach Lowry Bishop and Danny Sullivan, Fruita's only returning letterman — served as the nucleus around which the young team developed. He received the Outstanding Player award, and was 'most improved' in both scoring and rebounding. Clawson, in fact, was the Wildcat's top scorer in '69.

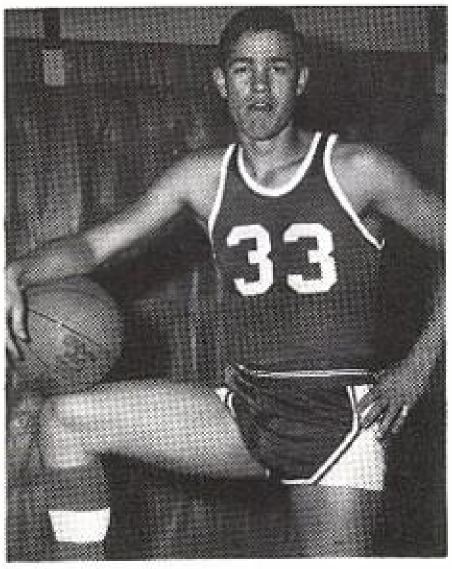
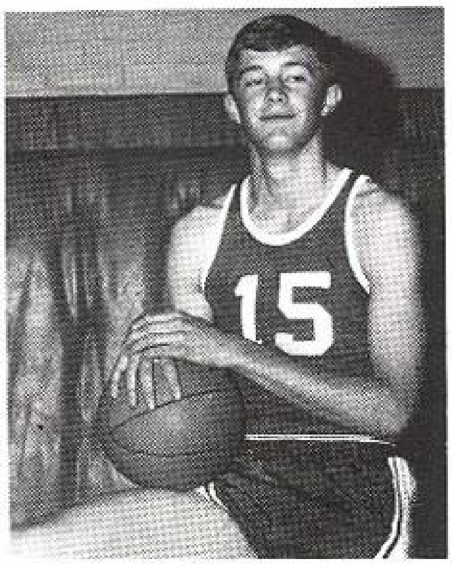
Keeping a fire going at court-side, hoop pepsters Kathy McIntyre, Susan Withrow, Marilyn Richards and Costa Watson try to inflame fans with a spirit that was not always quick to spread. "We appreciated what was done to build spirit," Coach Bishop said, "but a lot more could have been done." The coach felt that students forgot about spirit for about nine months. Split sessions hindered.





During a time-out breather, left, 'Cats and coach plot game strategy. In the group are managers Verlan Goss, Coach Lowry Bishop, Danny Sullivan, Dennis Price, Les Smith, Gearld Clawson and Eddie Botkin. Coach Bishop showered praise on Les Smith for his outstanding job in '69 and upon Danny Sullivan, "an excellent guard."

Looking forward to '70, Fruita's head court mentor said, "I feel that the new situation will add a great deal to the basketball program. In our small gym fans are unable to see the game develop. There will, of course, be better facilities — a glass backboard. The boys are not familiar with these, and they caused problems at the tournament."

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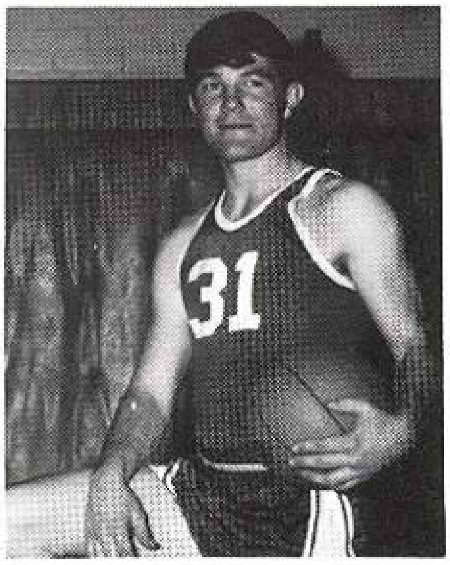
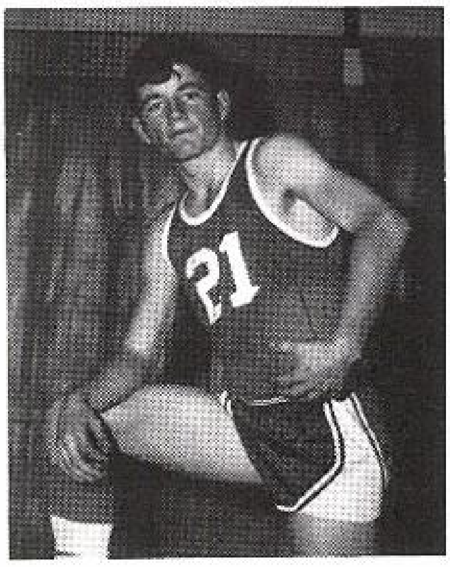

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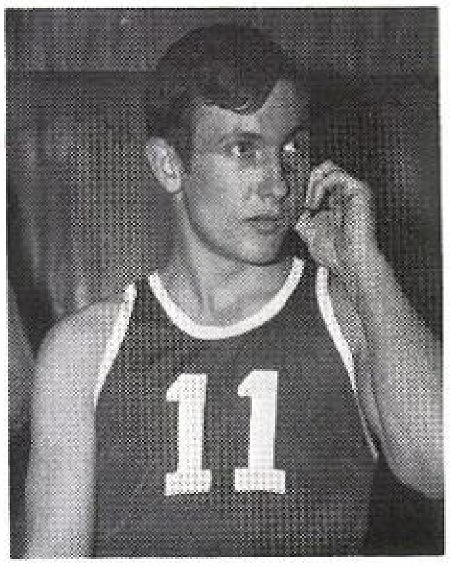
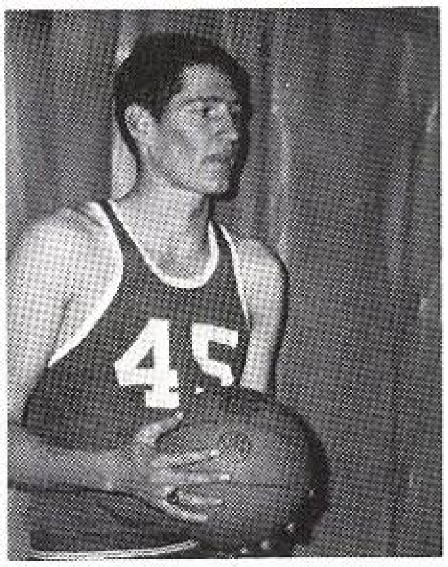
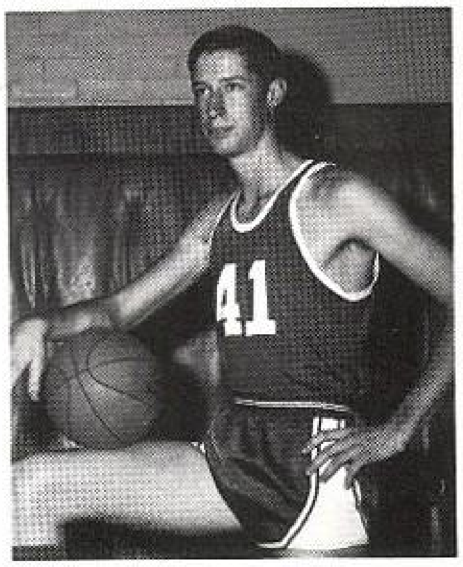
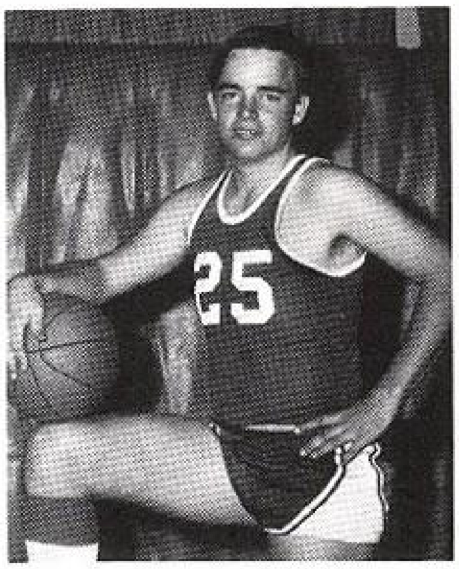



Dan Sullivan
Gearld Clawson

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Jon Johnston

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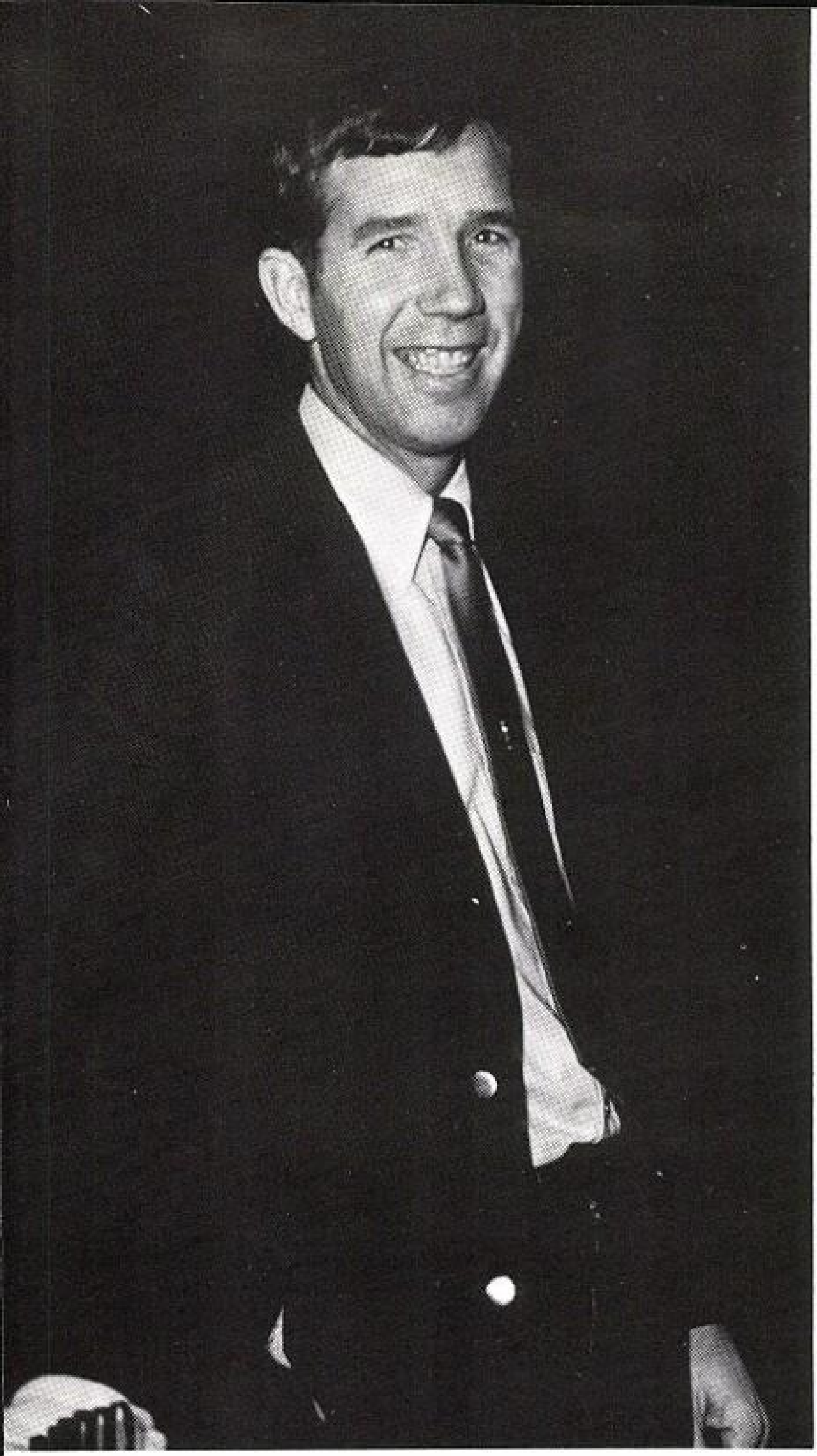
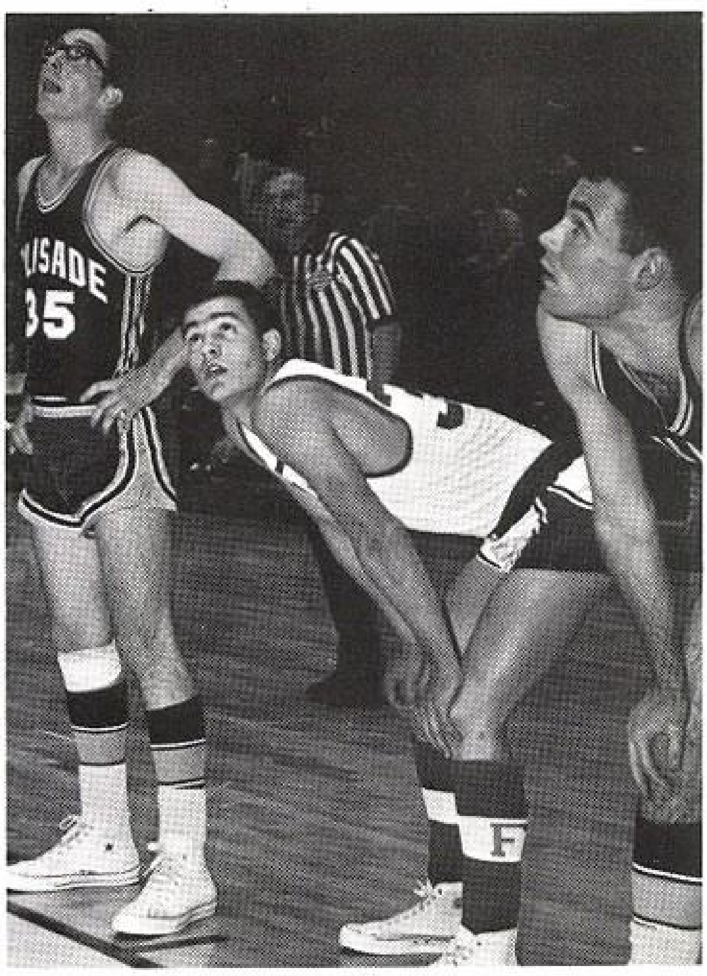


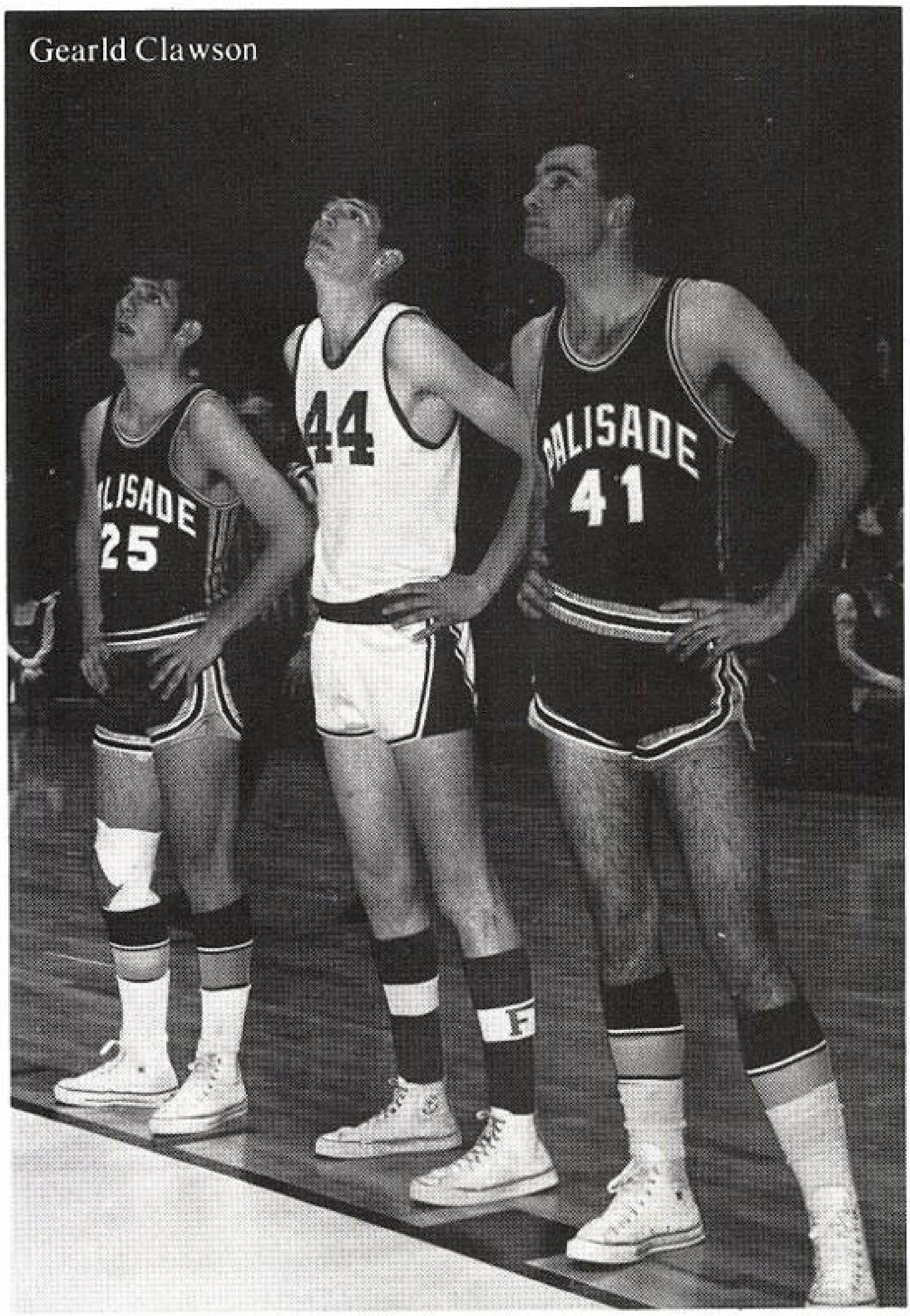
Wildcat Coach Lowry Bishop



Wayne Schafer wound up the springs in his legs and waited sandwiched between two giants to uncoil upward after the rebound. Fruita played the boards **with a great deal of distinction in tight games.**

Four Straight Wins Fired 'Cat Courtmen

Paonia offered Wildcats their toughest challenge in '69. Coach Bishop predicted that Paonia would be a stumbling block early in the season, and the Eagles did, indeed, capture the Gunnison Valley League title. Fruita played its best ball against Nucla on the home court. The coach said, "I was most pleased with the boys after their four straight wins ending with a week-end rout of Cedaredge and Hotchkiss, then to Nucla to continue their winning streak. The boys' biggest problem was that they began to find faults with themselves and that affected their playing ability and the team's chances."



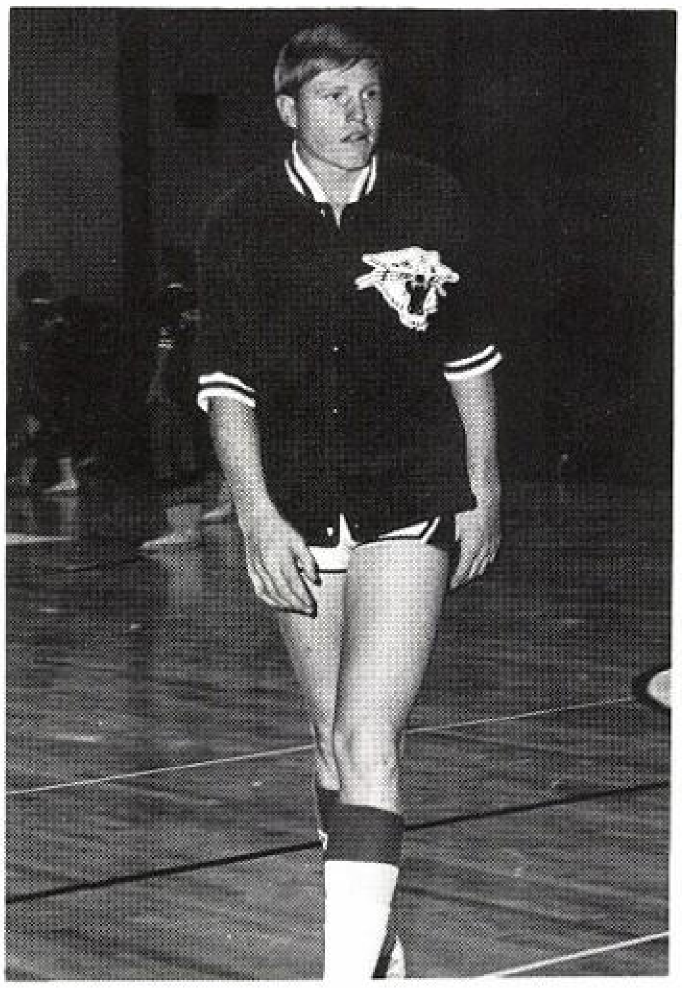
Kent Roper and Wayne Schafer, mouths agape, relax every muscle in that brief few seconds when the ball travels from free-throw line to backboard. When the ball hit, they were gone, and the whiplash action had begun again.

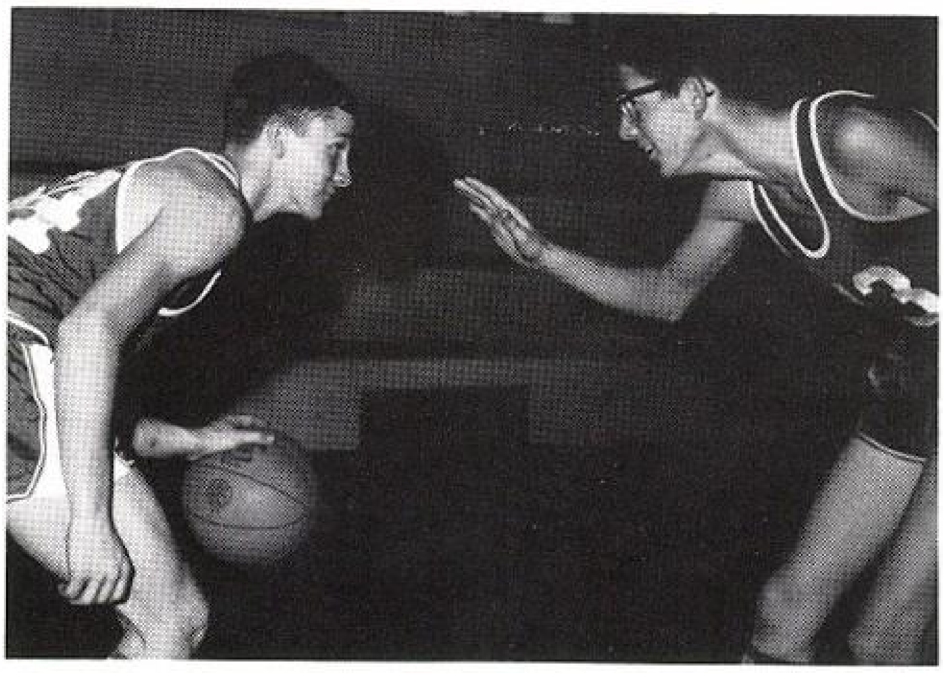
'Cat cagers below, outside column, are Les Smith and Dennis Price, varsity regulars. Fruita dumped Olathe 76-53 in one of its finest victory outings of the season. 'Cats took Olathe again 87-57.

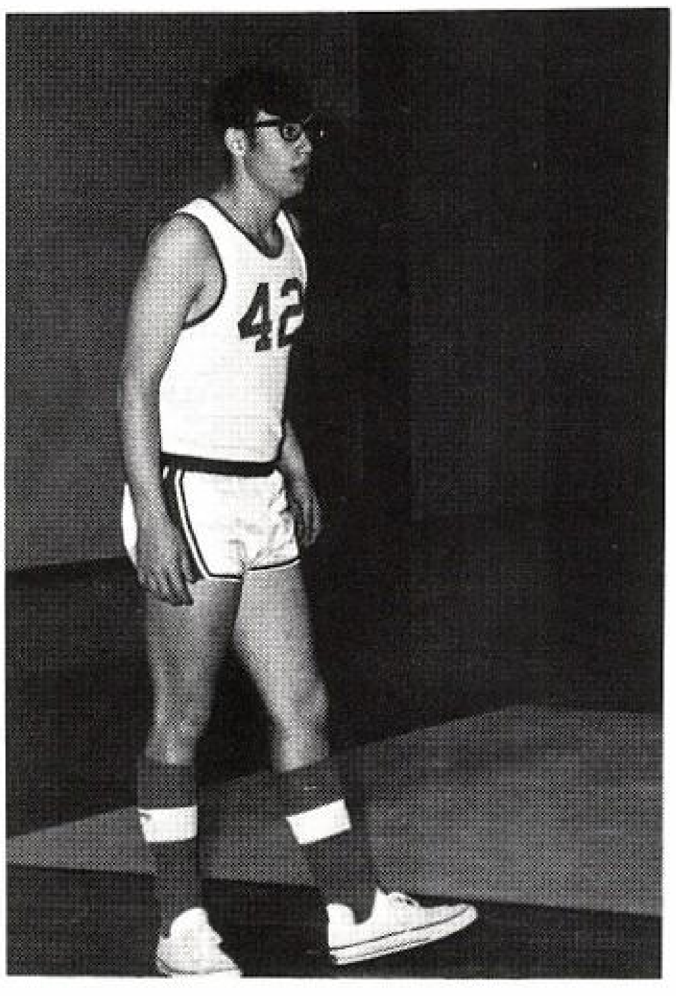
Below, top, are Larry Quimby and Tom Sommerville, then Louis Martinez engaged in practice drills, the sweat that shapes a winning team. Fruita dropped a heated contest to Cedaredge 71-63.

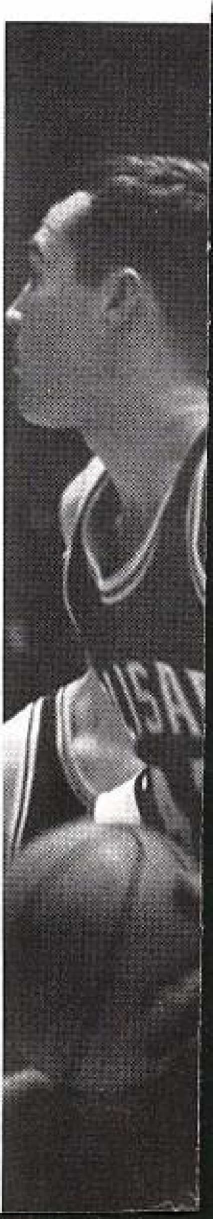
At bottom, Coach Lowry Bishop works with John Silence and Gary Haller, underclassmen who will win regular berths with the squad in '70. Palisade grabbed a narrow victory from the 'Cats 59-53.

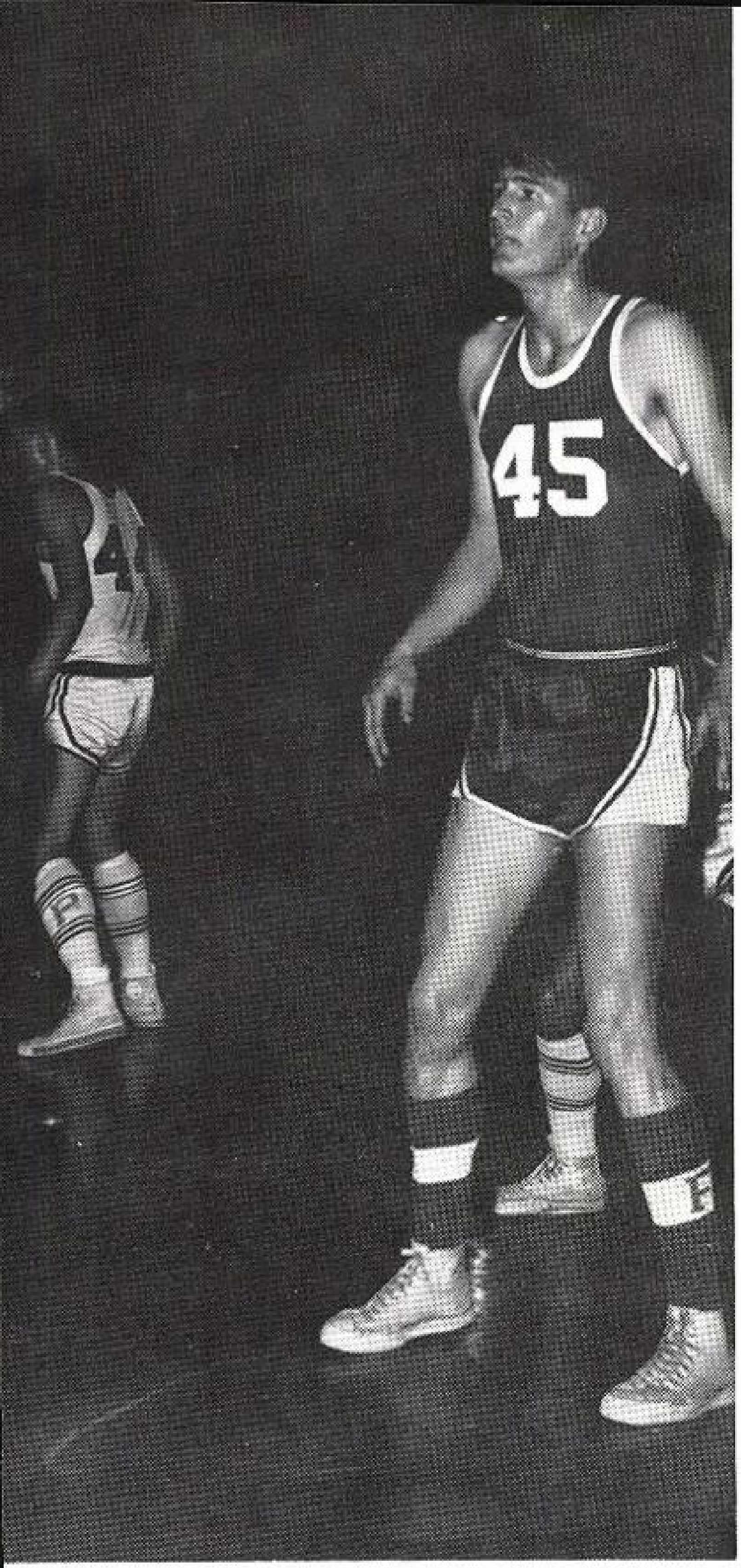
Fruita Became GVL's High-Score Team



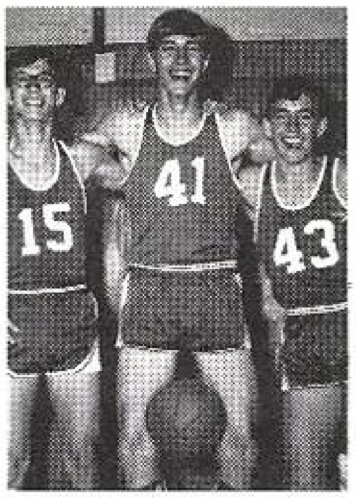


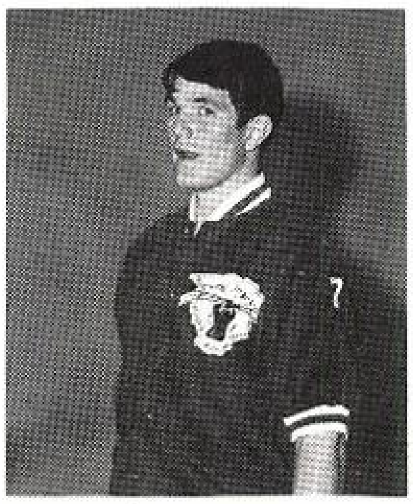


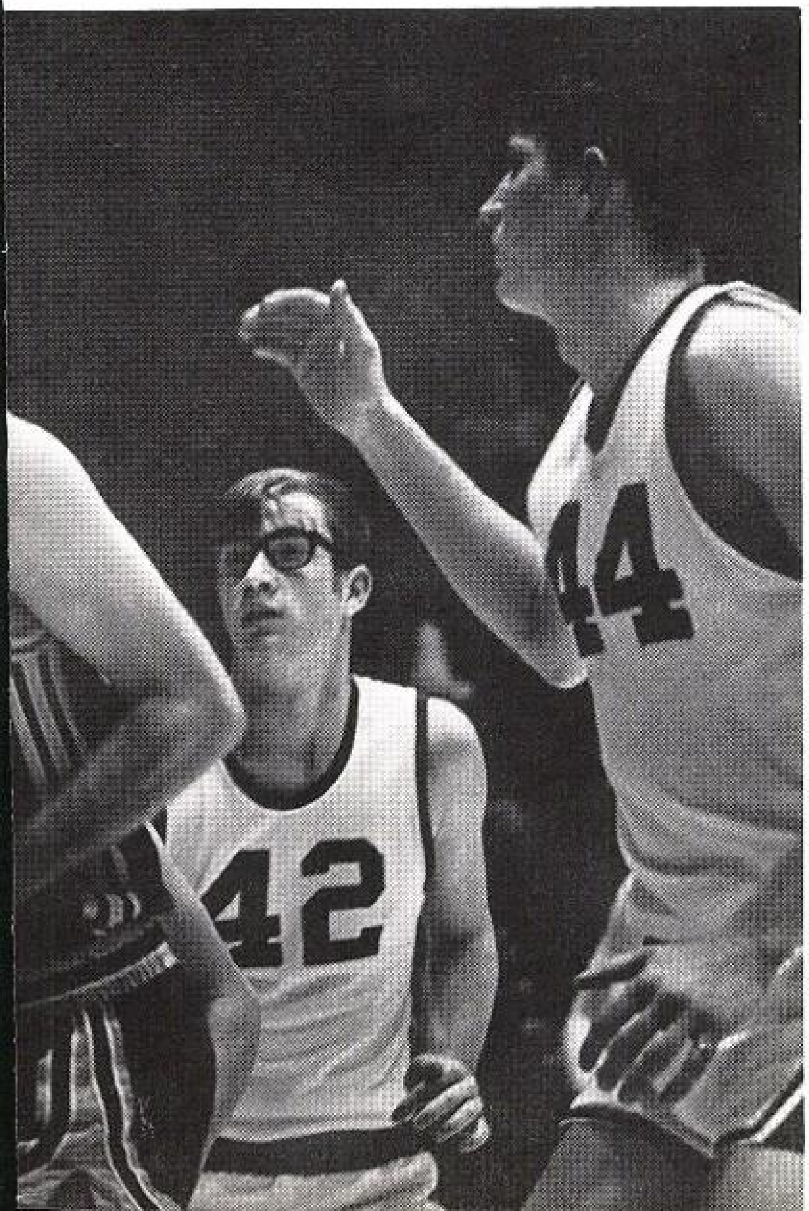


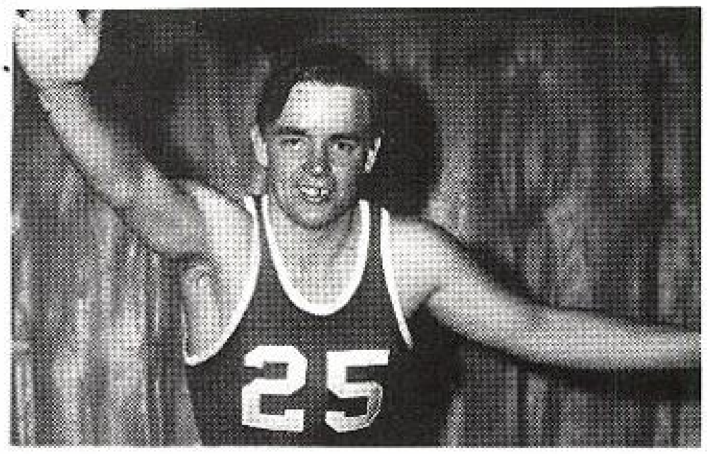


High-scoring court ace and outstanding player of the Wildcat season, Gearld Clawson, left, waits for the action to move into his section of the floor. Below, left, Clawson and Dennis Price corner an opponent to tie up the ball. Below, top row, happy hoopsters Mark Harris, John Silence and Gary Haller play "What happened to the Ball?" Next are Duane Kiefer and Eddie Botkin. In row two are Gary Haller and Duane Kiefer absorbed in league action, then Kent Roper. In row three, Coaches David Silver and Lowry Bishop relax during a lighter moment in the gruelling practice workouts. Jon Johnston follows. At bottom are Kris Keith, Jim Bennets and Danny Webb with Ken Blanchard. Fruita dropped Cedaredge 76-59; Nucla 74-63; Gunnison 65-55; Hotchkiss 59-56; lost to Paonia 81-71; took Hotchkiss again 86-85; bowed to Palisade 60-51; Gunnison nipped Fruita 68-45; 'Cats dropped one to Nucla 63-54; bowed to Palisade again 68-45. In tournament play Cedaredge edged Fruita 54-48.



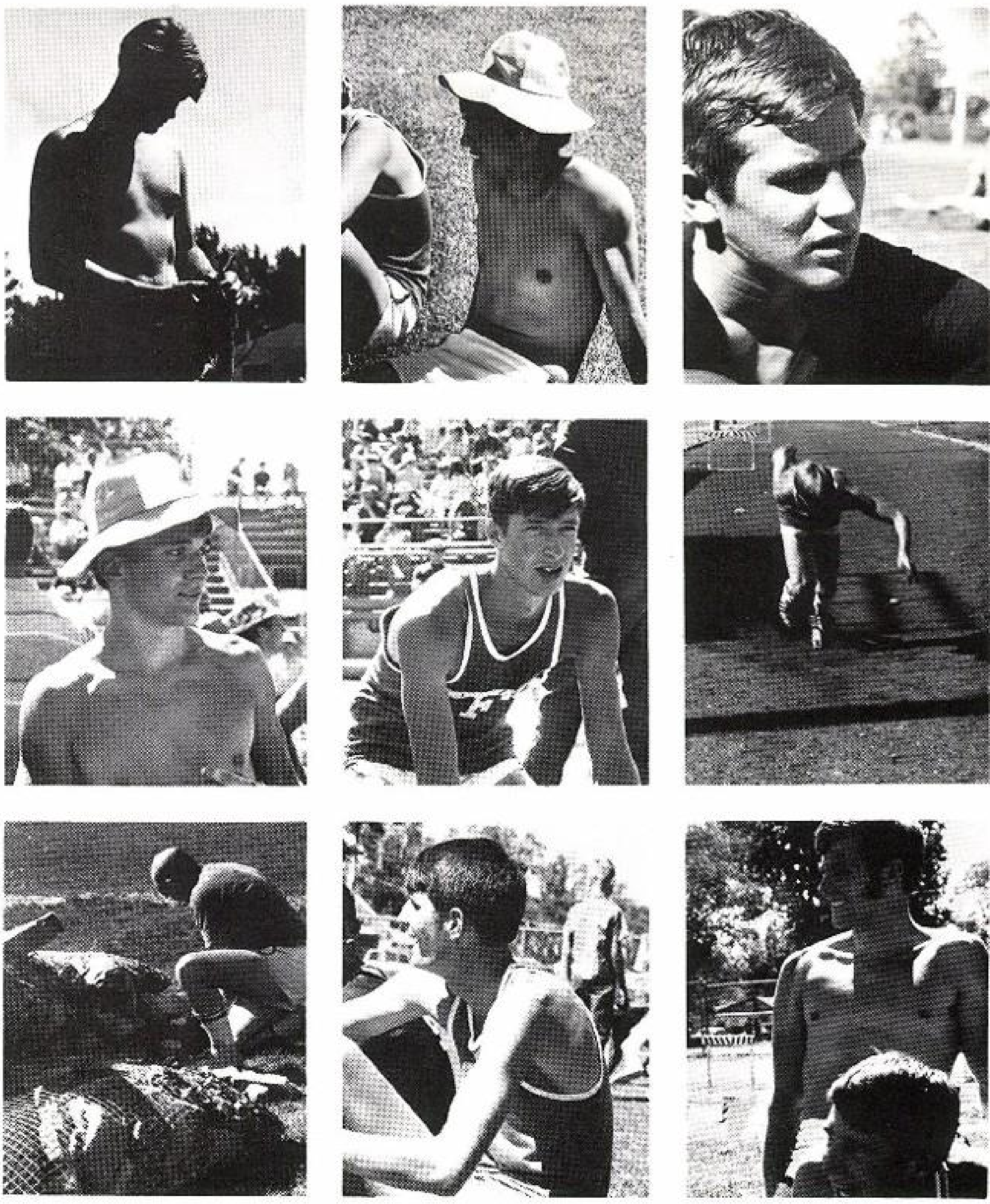






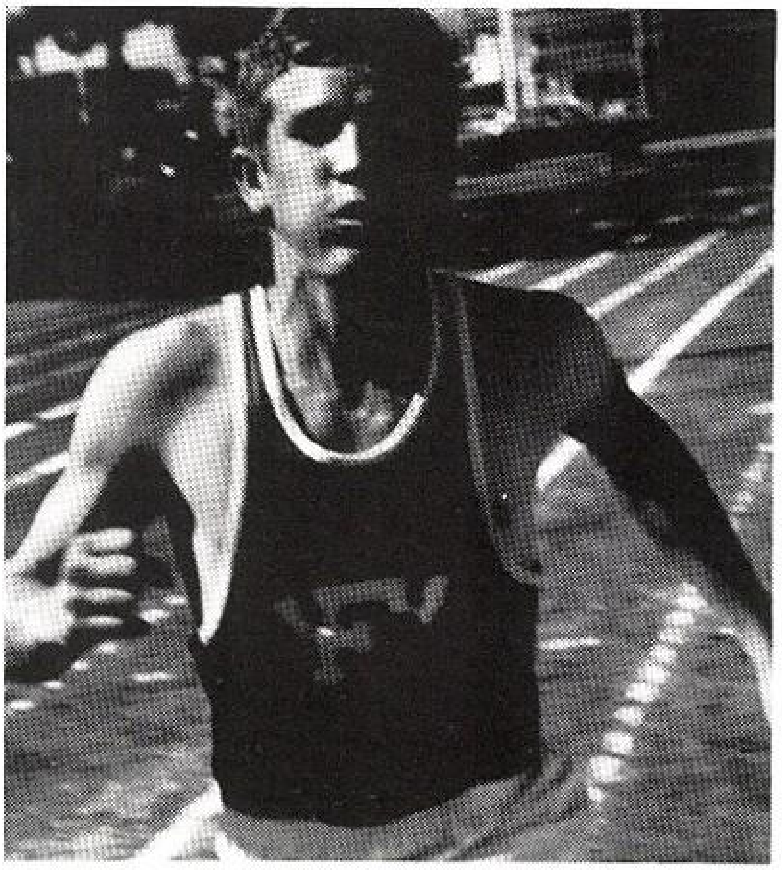
'Cat Relay Team Left Others Standing Still

Dave Jacquez prepares to leave solid earth and glide over the crossbar in high-jump trials. Gearld Clawson won that event in the Class AA District State Qualifying Track and Field Meet at Lincoln Park with a 5-10 mark. Jacquez was third in pole vault. Thomas Groves nabbed the 440-yd. dash honors; Kent Tompkins turned in best time for the 100-yd. rush to the wire.

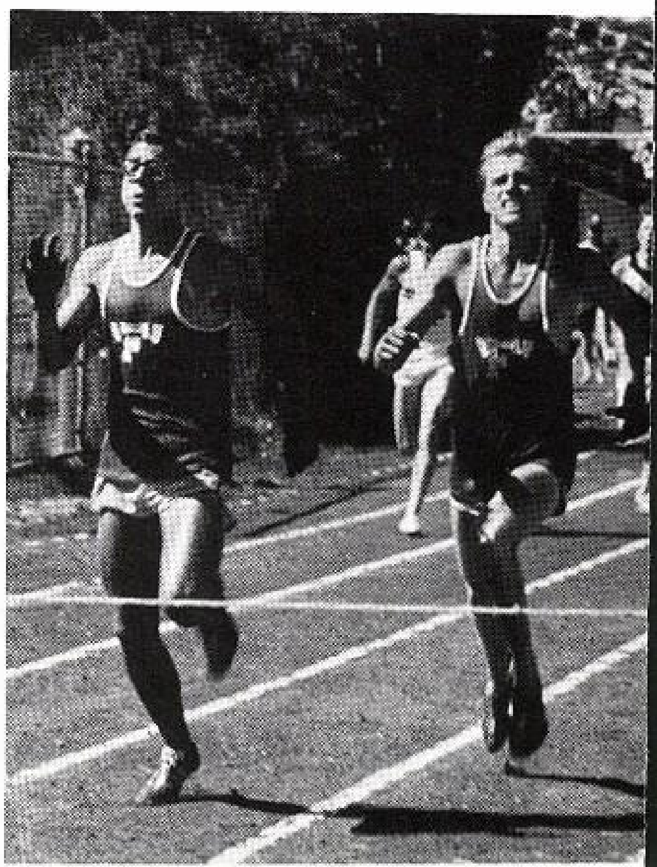


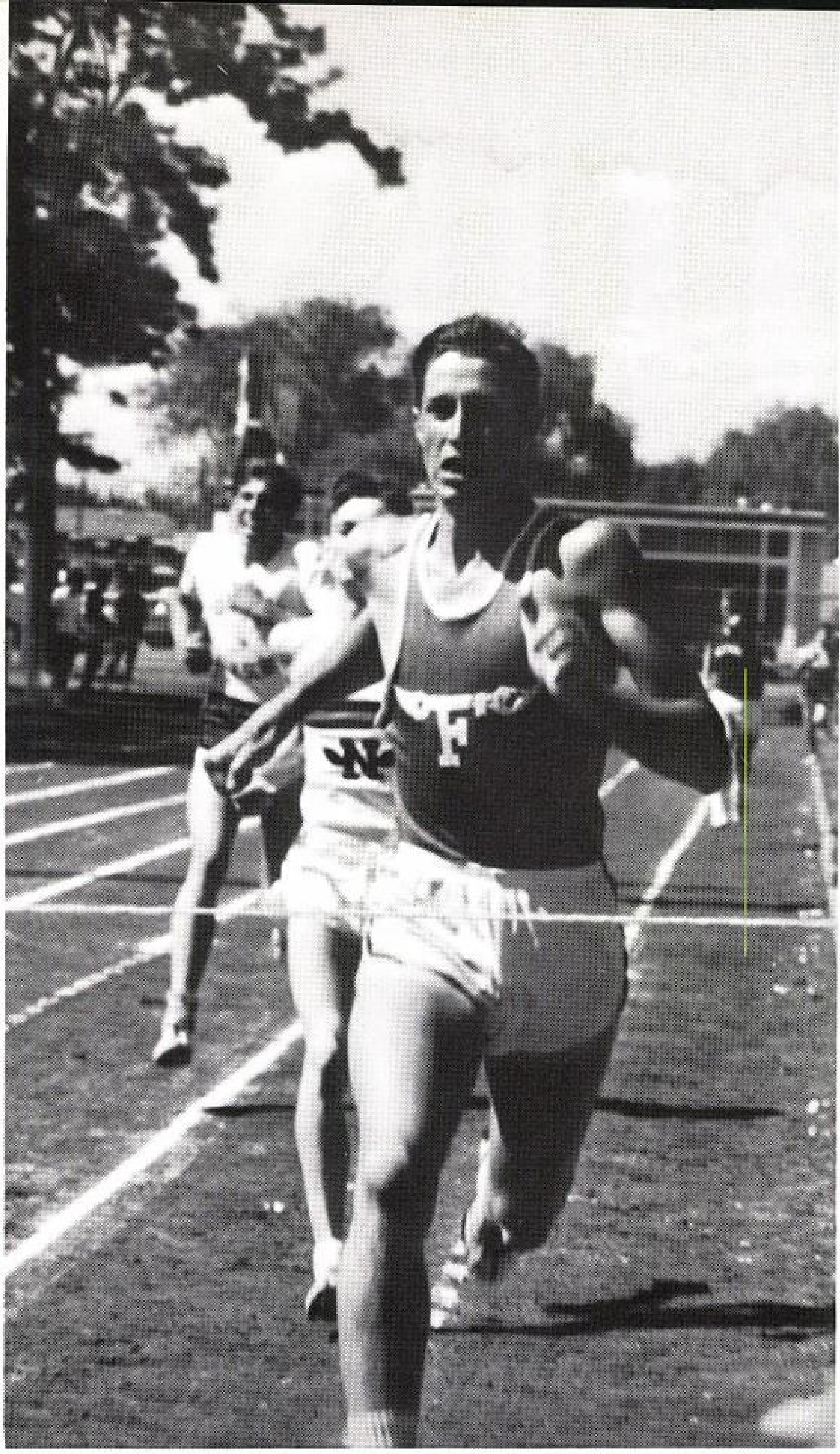
Sure-footed cindermen with Coach Jack Pollock's oval-arena squad in '69 were, top, Terry Marinelli, Eddie Serrano, Larry Reed. In row two are Jim Stockert, Duane Kiefer and Thomas Groves. In the bottom row are Coach Pollock, all-round ace Gearld Clawson, and then Clawson with Marinelli. At the annual Mesa College Invitational, Clawson won a gold medal in the triple jump with a distance of 42-6.

Huffing down the track, Larry Reed, right, turns on the steam. At the Delta Meet Fruita won five firsts: Kent Tompkins in the 100; Thomas Groves in the 220; Tompkins, Groves, Byron Kelly and Gearld Clawson in the 880 relay with a time of 1:33.9 — four-tenths of a second off the record.

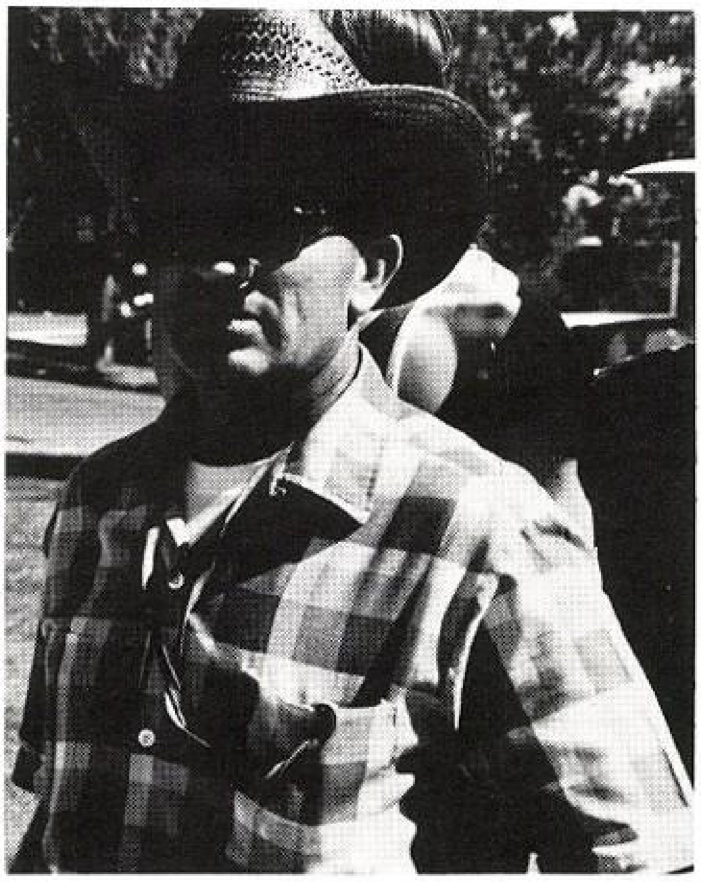


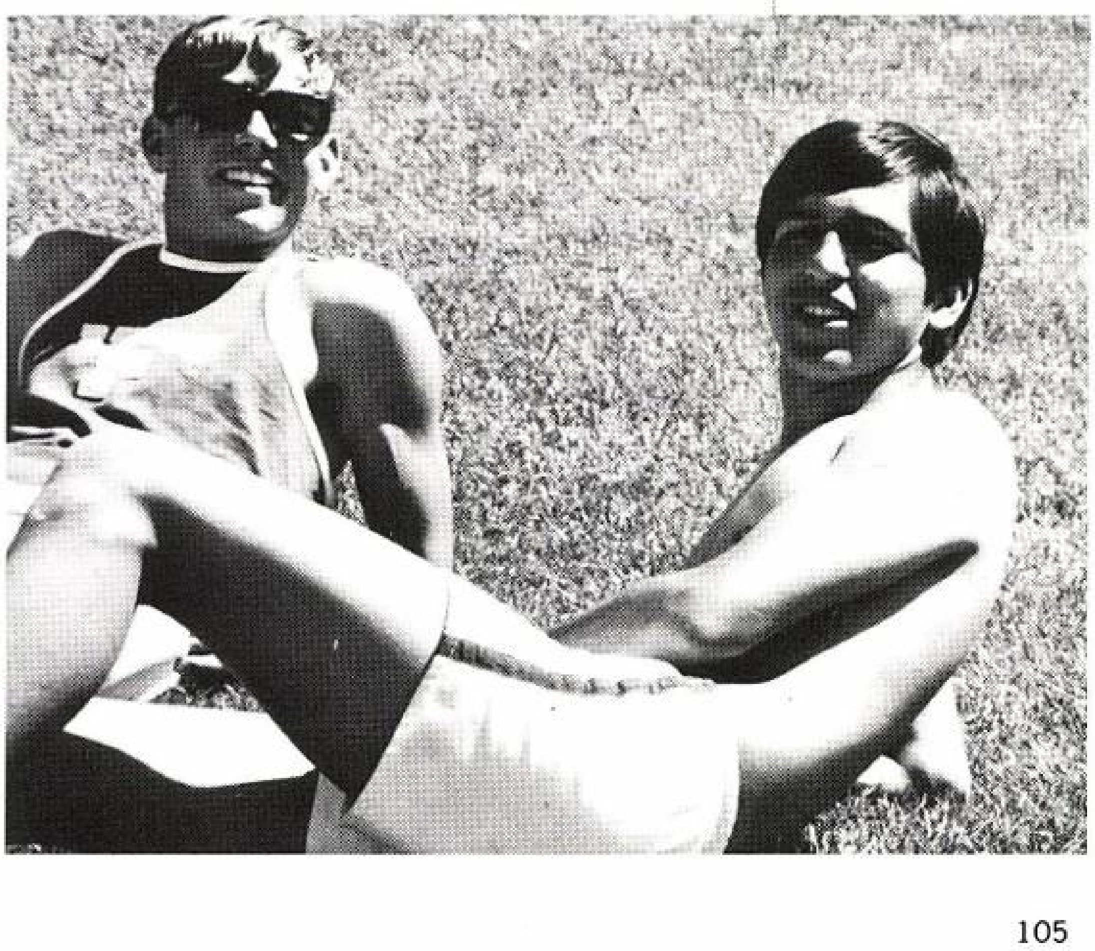
Kent Tompkins and Thomas Groves lead the pack toward the wire, far right. In the annual Brigham Young University relays at Provo, Wildcats won the 880 competition with a time of 1:35.7 in B-Division clashes. Fruita's relay squad was second to none in '69.





Speedy sprinters entered state run-offs with great expectations and returned home with spirits still high after grabbing third spot at the Boulder meet. Fruita's 14 team points were no match for Fountain and Evergreen; still, 13 squads trailed Fruita, and that was something to shout about. Fruita's only first-place win in state heats was the 880-yard relay team's victory once again. Gearld Clawson, Byron Kelly, Kent Tompkins and Thomas Groves turned in a time of 1:31.4, best of the season for the four fleet ground burners. At left is Duane Kiefer; Ross Beede and Eddie Serrano, and Coach Jack Pollock are below.

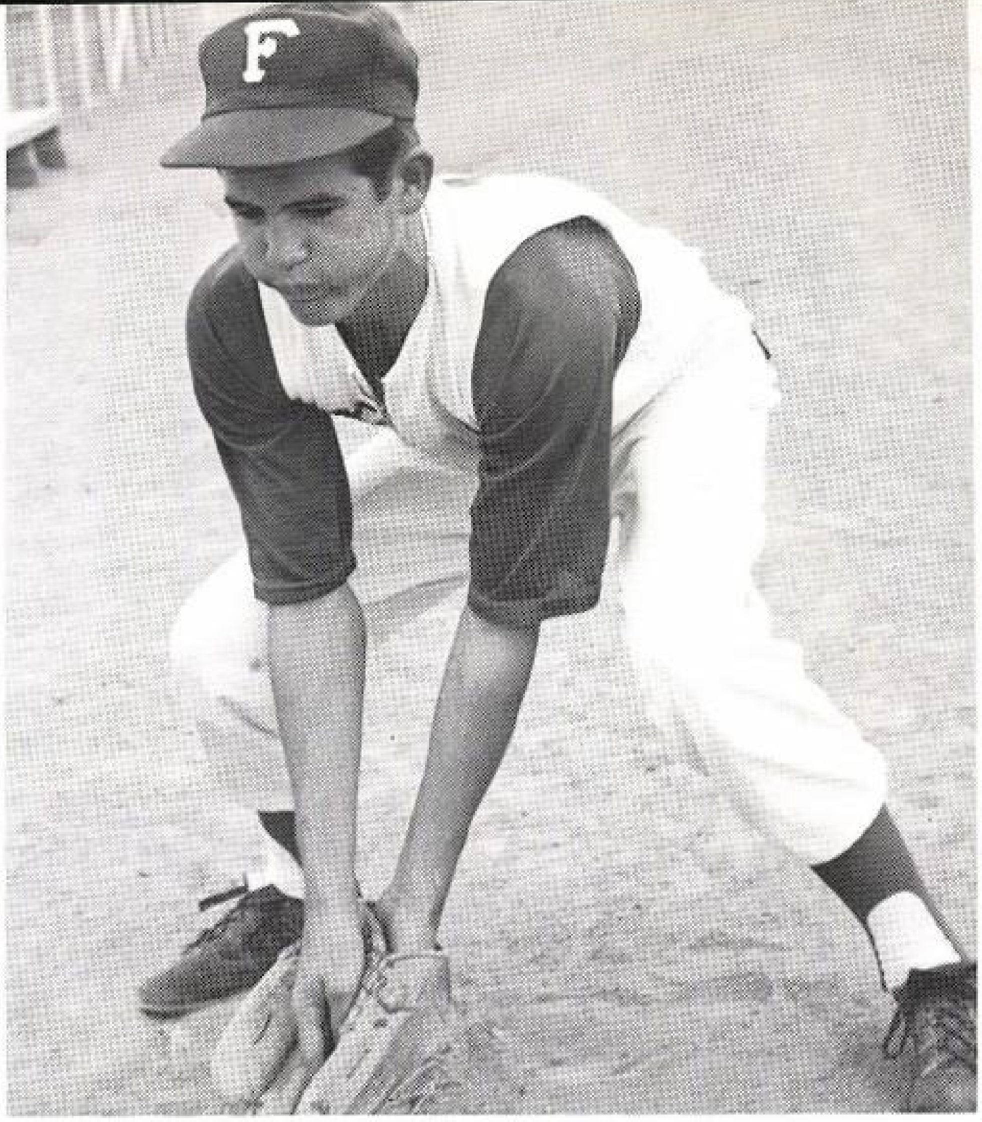




Diamond aces piloted by Coach Marion Littlepage and Associate Coach Darrell Warren pelted the apple to score an impressive 12-win, five-loss season. In its opening tilt, high-scoring Fruita whipped Notre Dame, Utah, 19-0. The 'Cats blanked Olathe 6-0 and Nucla 21-0. Delta turned the tables on Fruita 11-7, as did Central, 10-4. In two games which could have gone into the 'Cat winning column, Palisade slipped by 5-4 and Montrose took the edge 2-1. Fruita dropped Cedaredge 13-4, took Montrose 8-7, and stopped Hotchkiss 5-1.

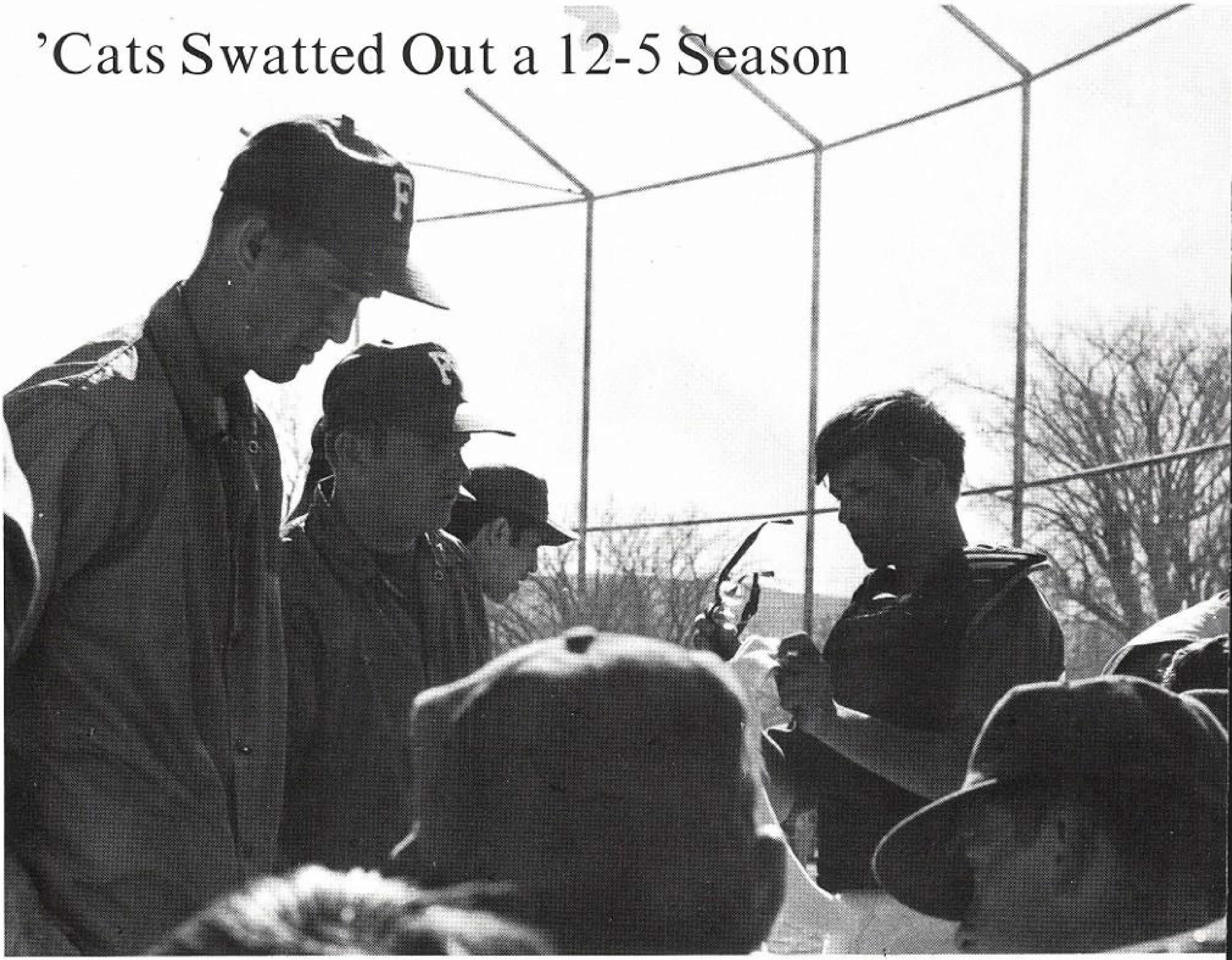
Sixteen-game player Larry Reed, right, hit at the .308 mark behind five others with even more impressive averages: Glen Ross batted .509; Ed Serrano, .469; Les Smith .333; Gary Rowe also hit .333 and Kris Keith posted a .310 average!

Preparing to take the field in a home contest generously sprinkled with dust storms, Serrano, Rowe, Larry Quimby, Jerry White, Dennis Price and Les Smith hear last-minute instructions from Coach Littlepage. Glen Ross, who hurled in ten outings — 63 and two-thirds innings — struck out 98 hitters and tallied a wild 1.1 earned-run average in '69.

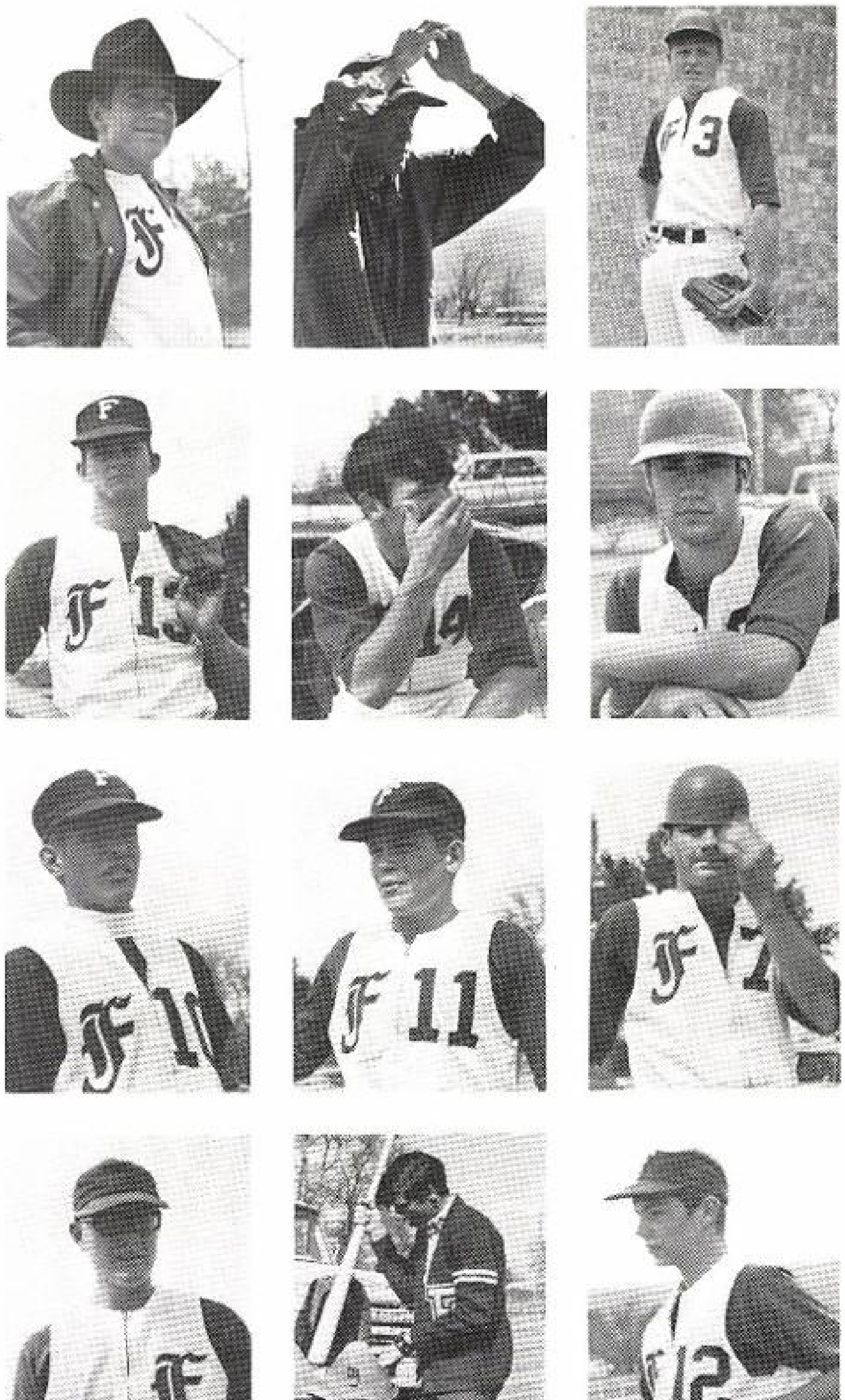


Larry Reed

'Cats Swatted Out a 12-5 Season



Eddie Serrano,
Outstanding Player



'Cat clouters in '69 included, top row: Gary Haller, Coach Marion Littlepage, Les Smith; then Glen Ross, Eddie Botkin and Dennis Price. In row three are Jim Bennetts, Gene Miles and Kris Keith, followed by Glenn Giles, Michael Lehmann and Jerry Alstatt. In row five are Jerry White, Glen Downer, Gary Rowe. At bottom are Glenn Giles, Coaches Littlepage and Darrell Warren and finally, Jim Waggoner.

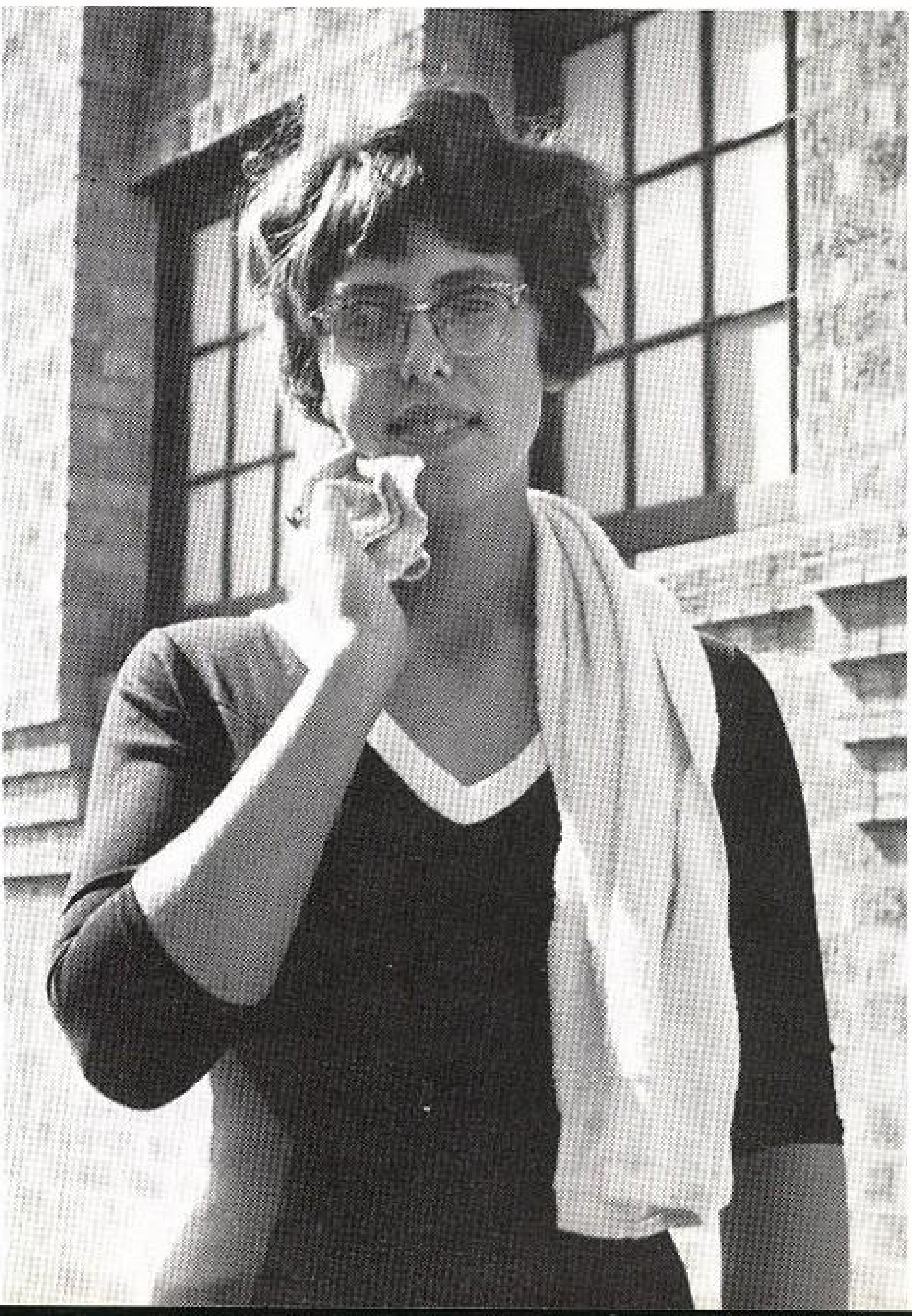
High-flying gymnasts swung into the season with soaring expectations for a great year, but after early workouts, team members dwindled to three — Charlotte Dick, Mary Richards and Vickie Holt — along with Coach Mrs. Penns Pulliam. Devoting first three nights and then five each week to intense concentration, squad members worked toward the state qualifying meet in Golden.

Gymnasts Practiced Hiding Their Strength

Gymnasts traveled to Grand Junction Junior High March 3 and 12 for practice meets where Vickie Holt, left, competed in vaulting. Charlotte Dick, below, worked with uneven parallel bars.

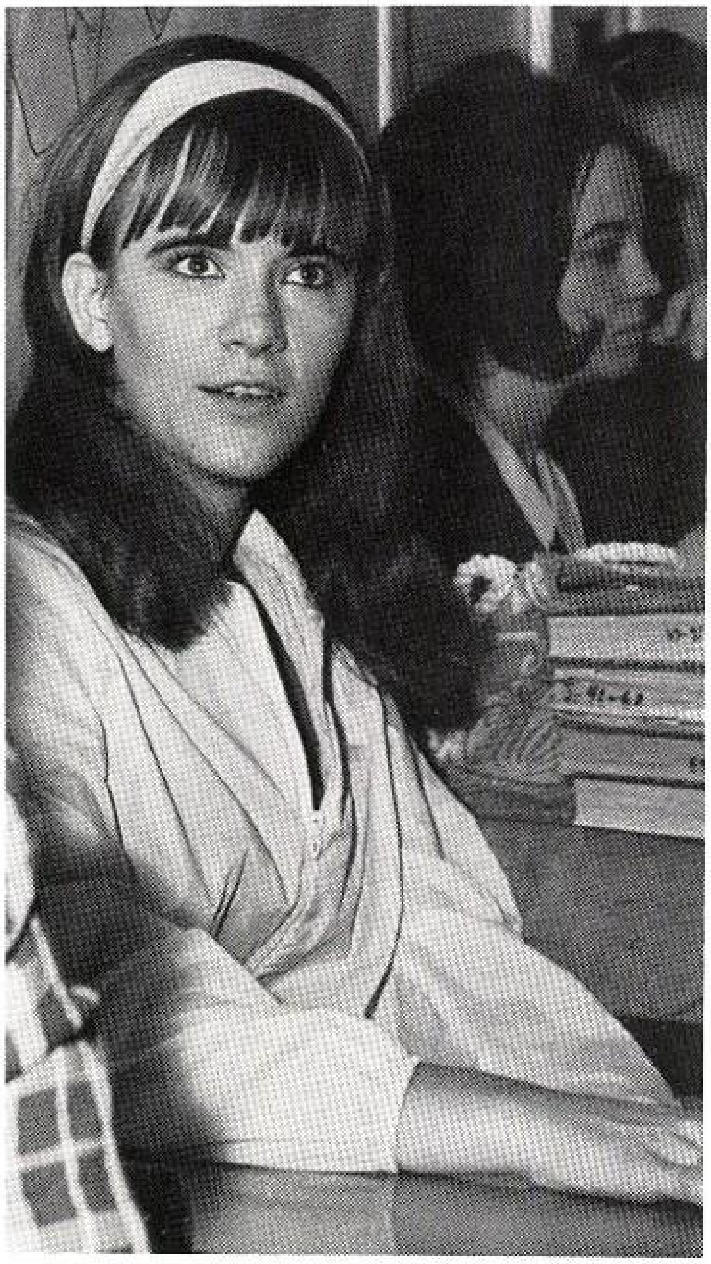
Self-Discipline Helped

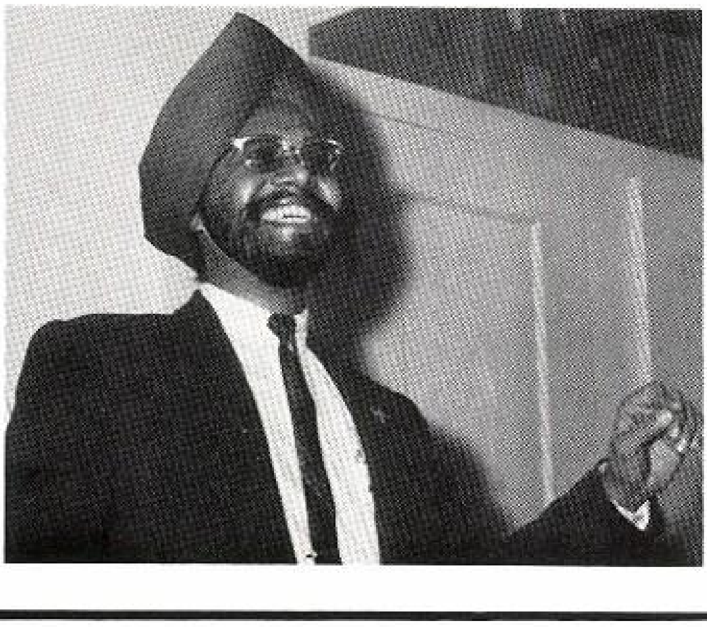
At the district meet March 28 Mary Richards, bottom left, placed third in vaulting and fourth in uneven parallel bars. Vickie placed second in sidehorse vaulting; Charlotte could not enter.



Golden was the site for state qualifying meet in gymnastics. Fruita's trio of swingers motored to Golden in late spring, but did not get to finish their routines because a large number of entrants demanded time, and 'Cat athletes wanted to get over the passes before dark. Why all the work for nothing? Vickie Holt explained: "Gymnastics build poise, grace and coordination — and most of all — self-discipline. We love it; hard work can be rewarding."

Every Crowd Had A Silver Lining





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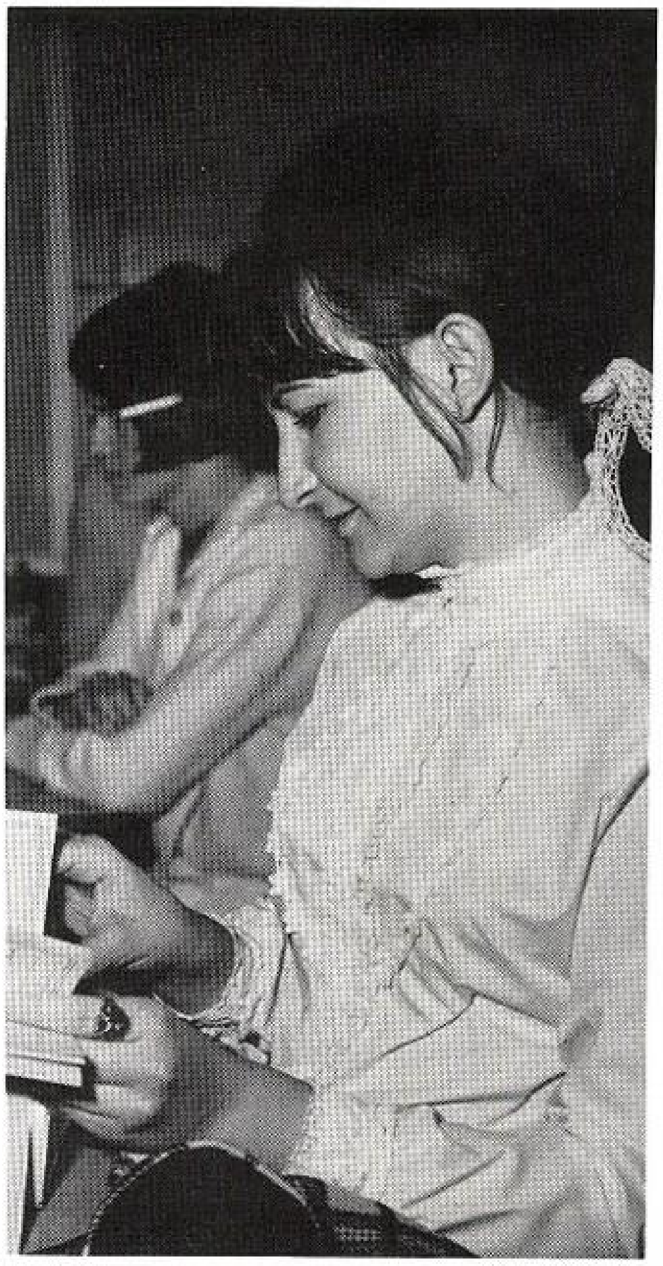

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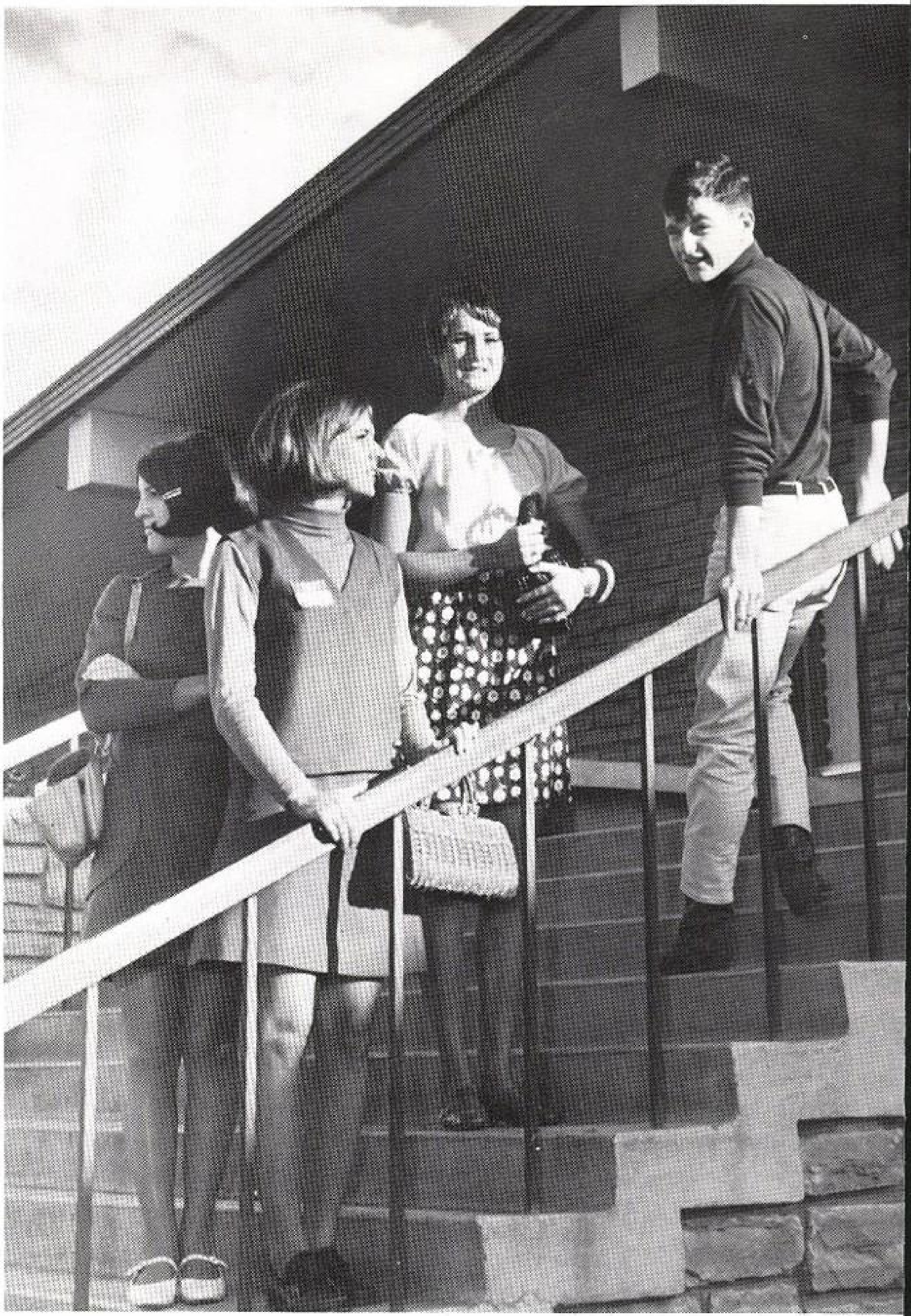
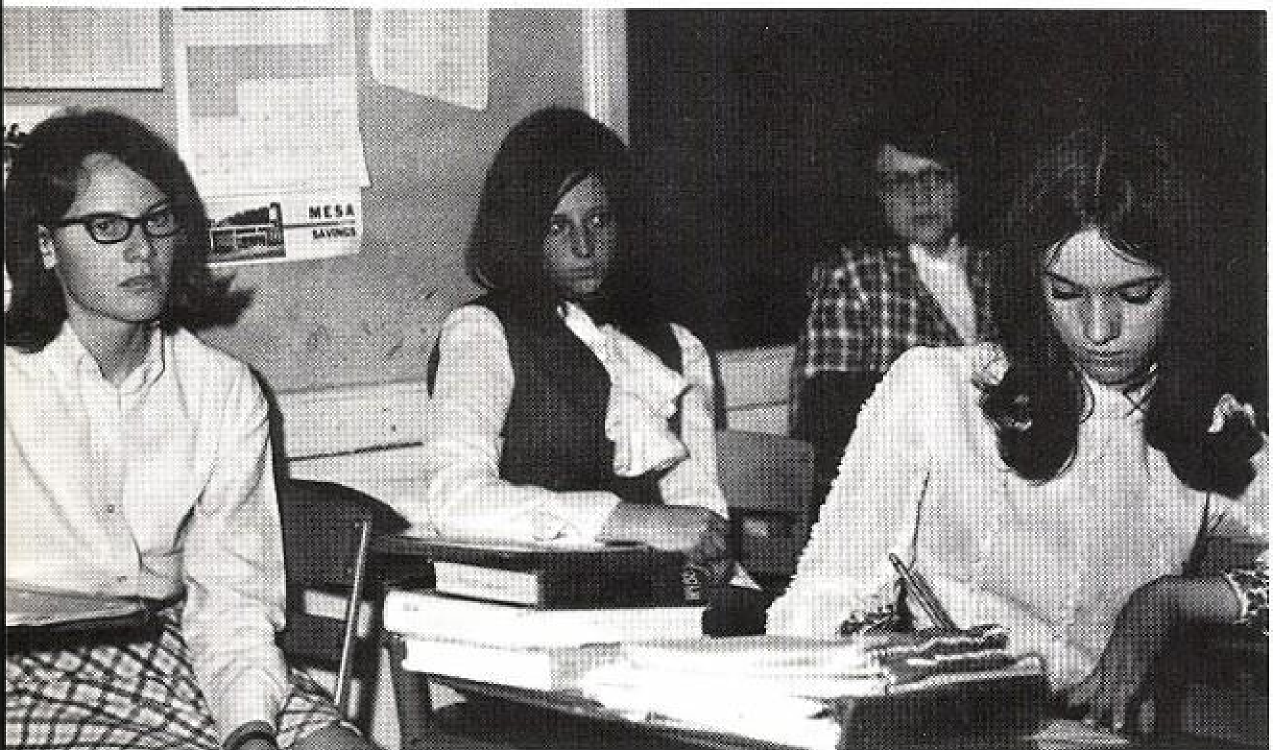
Head Girl, Jackie Guccini, right, along with Patty and Nancy Maluy, Kris Keith and Marilyn Richards and Sponsor William Silliman, motored to Fort Lewis College, Durango, in late fall to attend the Western Colorado Student Council Association Convention. The week-end affair offered seminars in many phases of problem-solving, and Fruita's delegates came back with a renewed vigor.

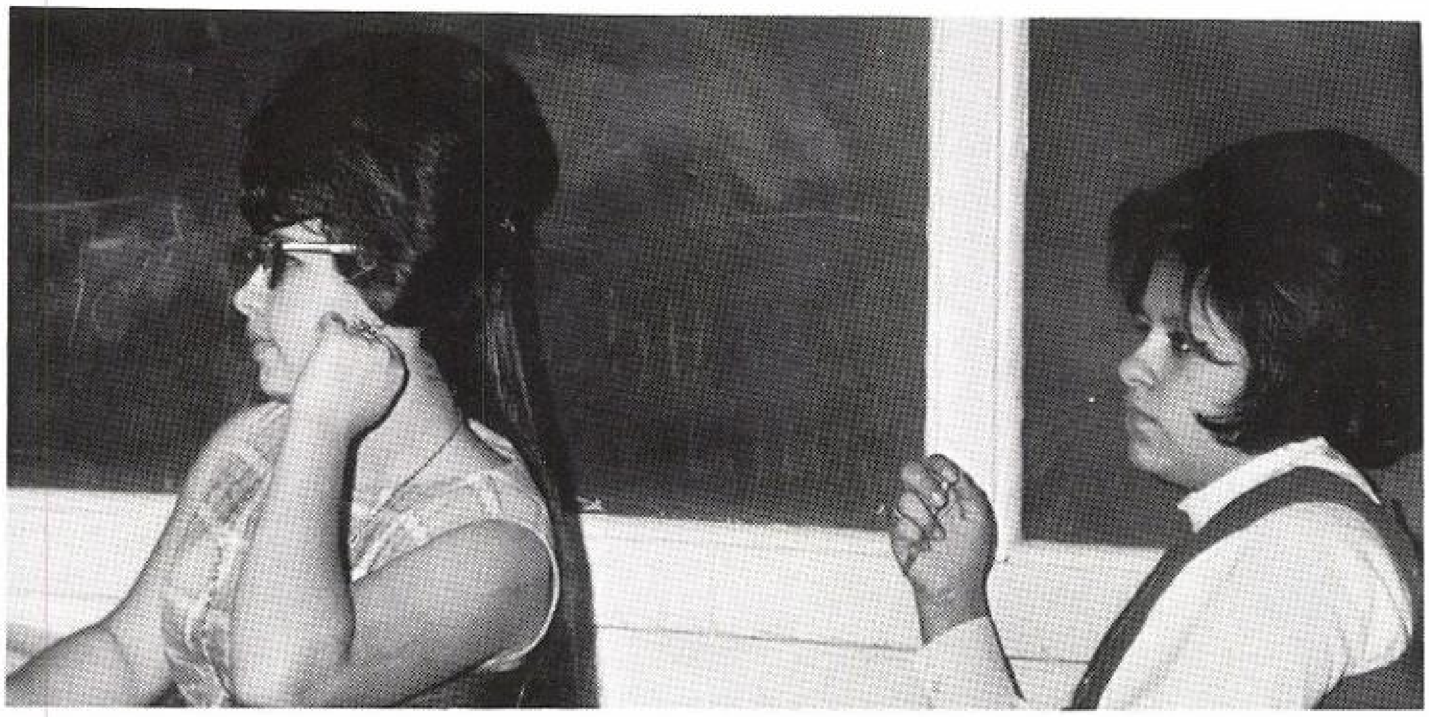


Councilman Paul Kochevar, below, lends an ear to the discussion. The council tabled all action on its overseas school sponsorship for remainder of the year. Fruita's student legislators joined with a local radio station to air the names of campus VIP's. At bottom are Martha Cary, Diane Hull, Linda Watkins and Jan Bristol, all elected representatives to Fruita's student government action.



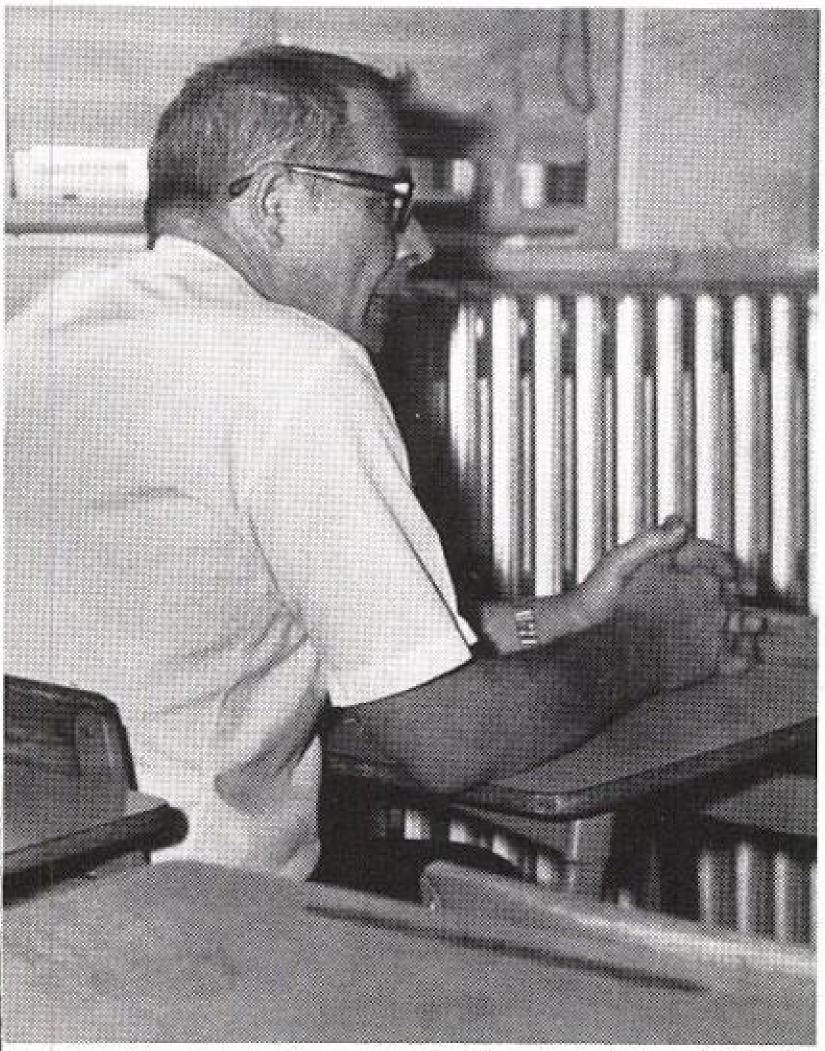
Climaxing first semester's work, councilmen volunteered to spring for the Christmas dance — one of the season's finest social affairs; the lawmen also established a student forum where 'Cats could meet in serious surroundings to air their thoughts about the council's handling of student affairs. Rain, which flooded the homecoming festivities, placed a large decision squarely on council shoulders. Whether or not to cancel the parade fell to leaders Retherford, Guccini, and they made a good choice. All homecoming activities fell under council authority. The most efficiently-run activity in school was the council-operated candy store, a read credit.

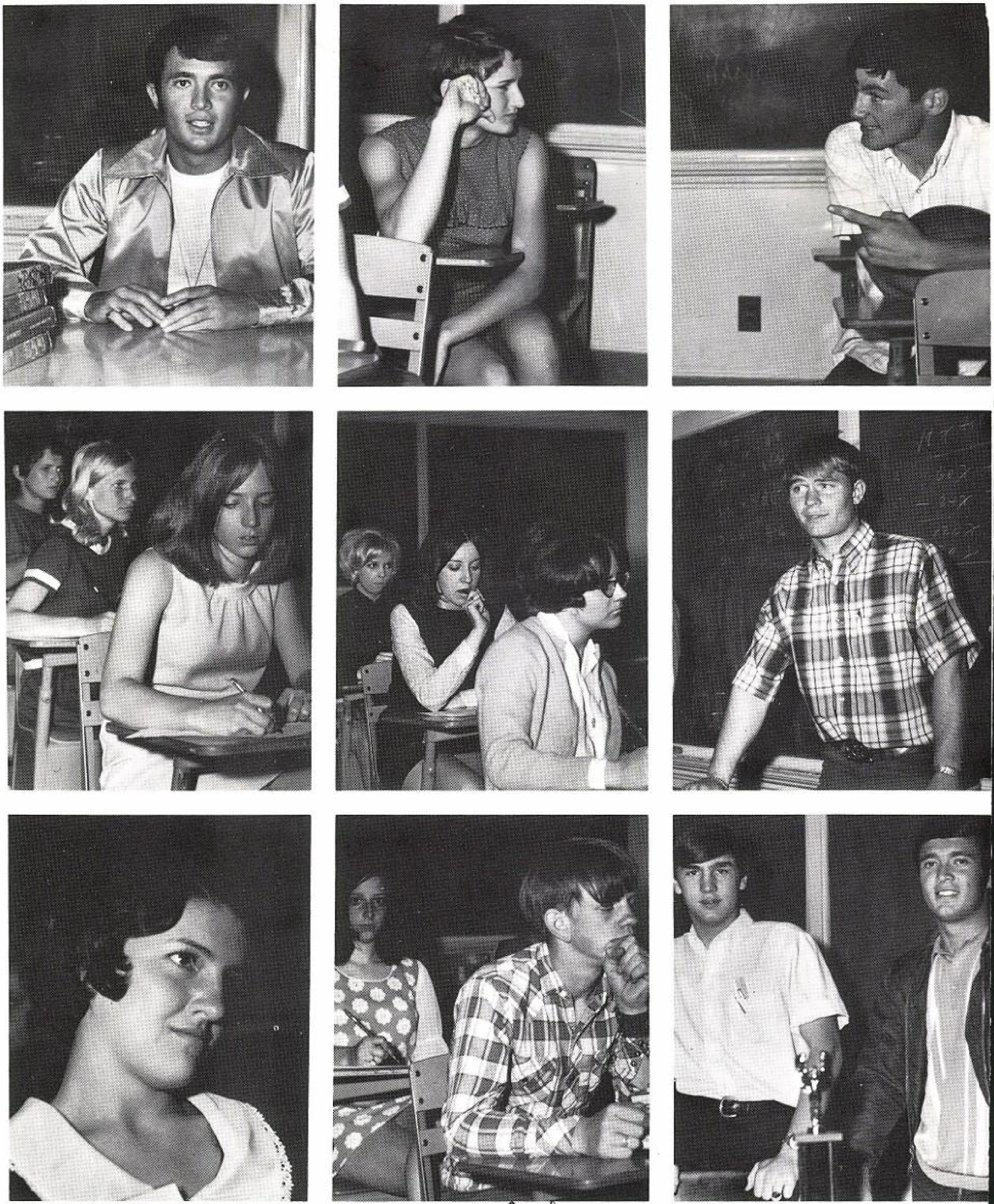
Student Government Gained Strength



Lawmakers at left are Rosabell Sanchez and Evelyn Sanchez. Although councilmen met with greater regularity than any other organization on campus, it was plagued by a lack of attendance. Many elected councilmen held jobs after school and found it difficult to return for the 3:05 meetings. Still, the council accomplished much in '69.

Engrossed in the mechanics of running student body affairs are Diane Hull and Linda Watkins, far left; Marilyn Richards and Linda Davis, then Connie Wilson, who was substituting for a regular member. Below are Sponsor Mr. William Silliman, a most dedicated council advocate, and Neta Young completes the bottom row.





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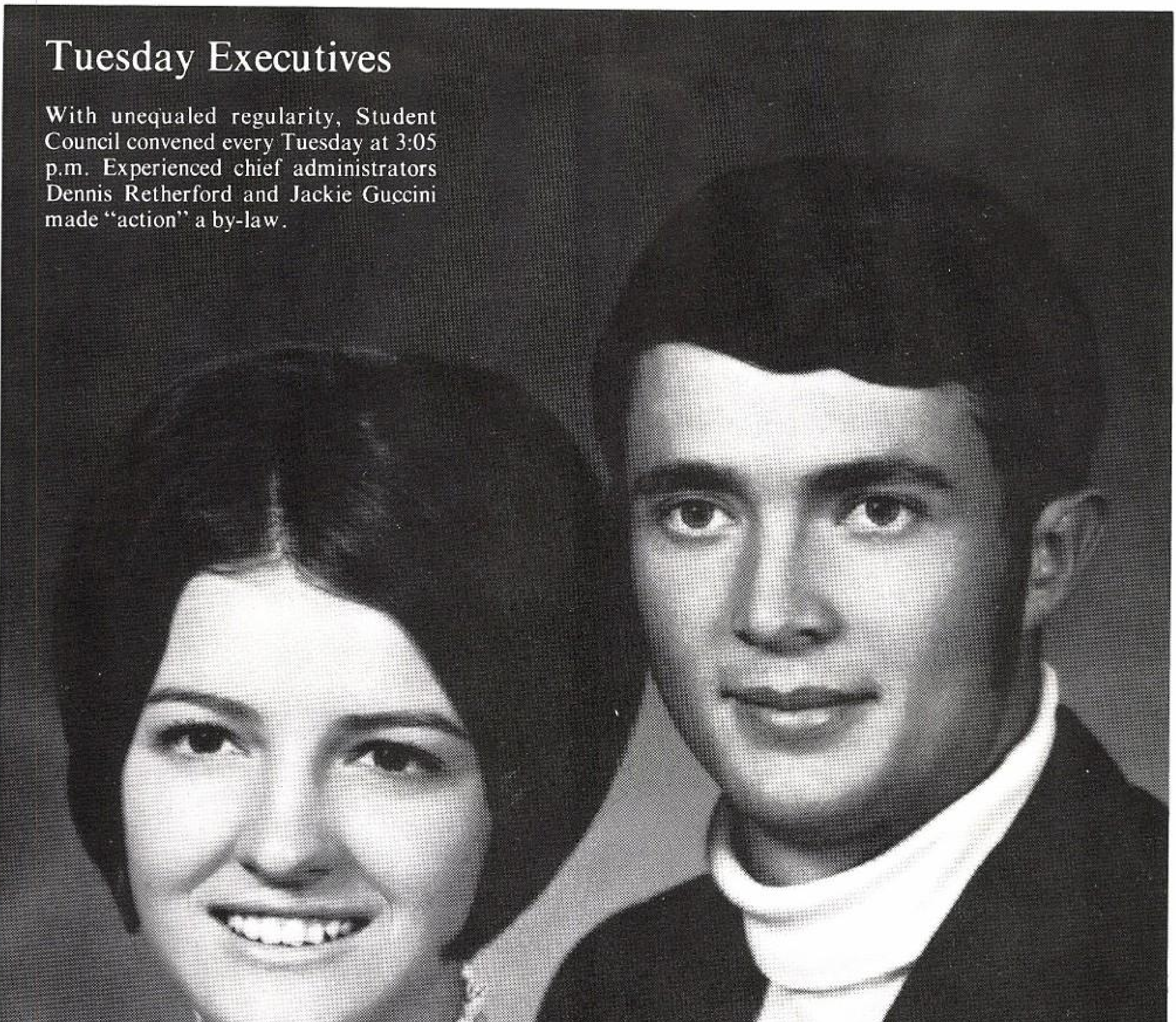
Councilmen Made Heart Sunday a Success

Braving cold winds in mid-February, councilmen went door-to-door through Fruita collecting nearly $200 for the Heart Fund. That was the council's finest hour. Above, top, are Dennis Retherford, Nancy Maluy and Kris Keith. In row two are Patty Maluy, council secretary, with Becky Young and Nancy Maluy; then Barb Hill, Linda Davis and Marily Richards followed by Ernie Boswell. In row three ar Head Girl Jackie Guccini, Diane Hull and final Dennis Retherford and Joe Ore with award.

Tuesday Executives

With unequaled regularity, Student Council convened every Tuesday at 3:05 p.m. Experienced chief administrators Dennis Retherford and Jackie Guccini made "action" a by-law.



Head Girl
Jackie Guccini
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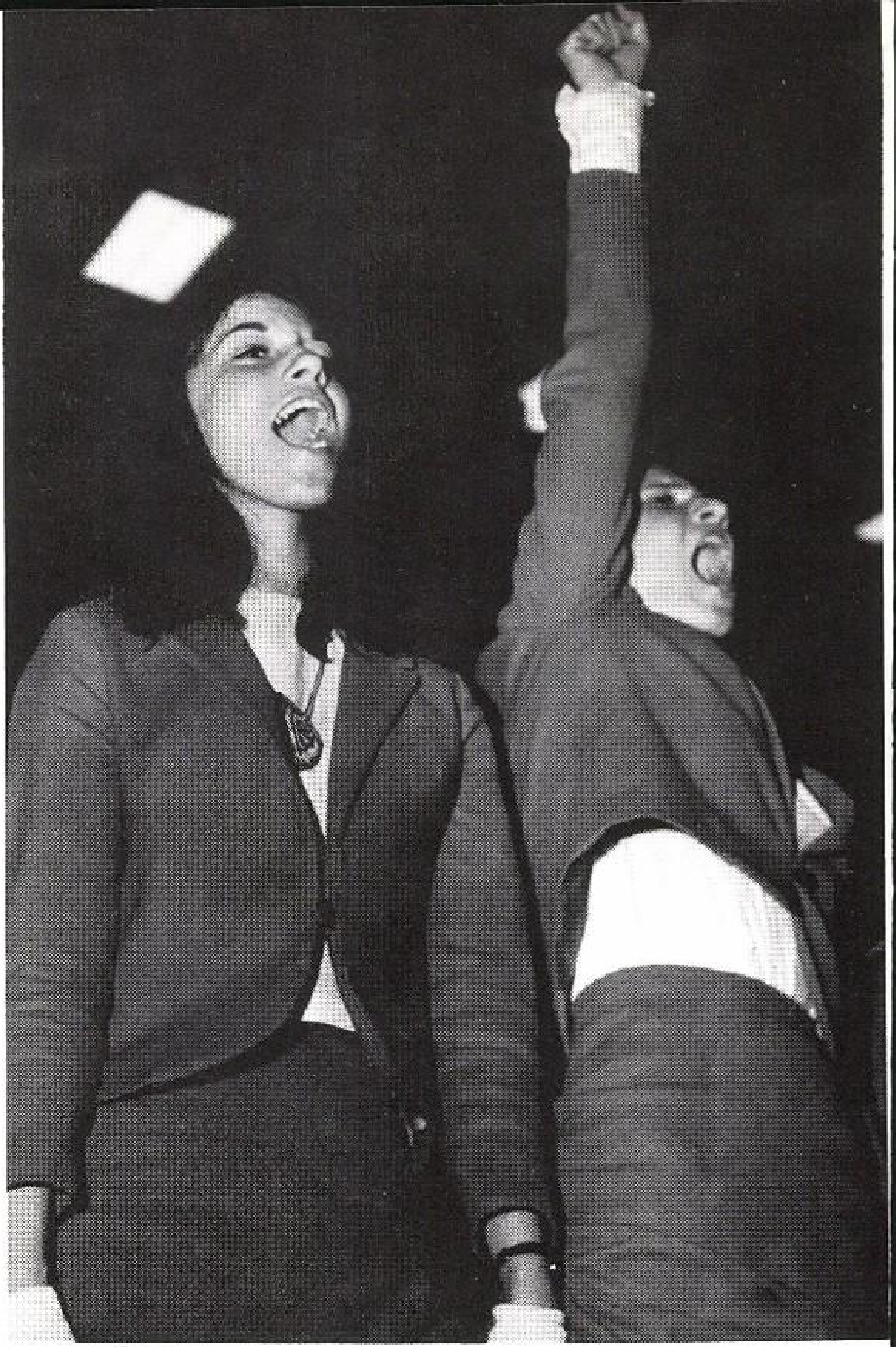
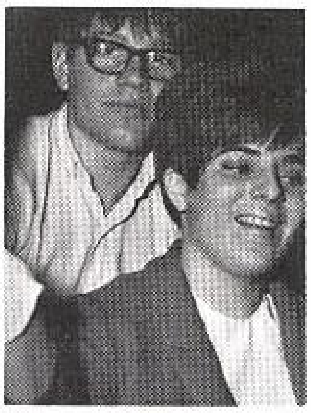
Dennis Retherford

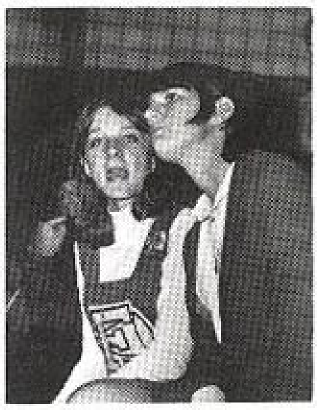
Pep Club Bloomed Amid Stoic Fans



Ecstatic boosters Jan Bristol and Becky Young, top, reached for the stars. Mary Kay Mogensen, Sheila Sewell, Vera Post, Marlene Smith, Donna Ray, Della Rich and Jackie Guccini, left, reflected 'Cats gains.

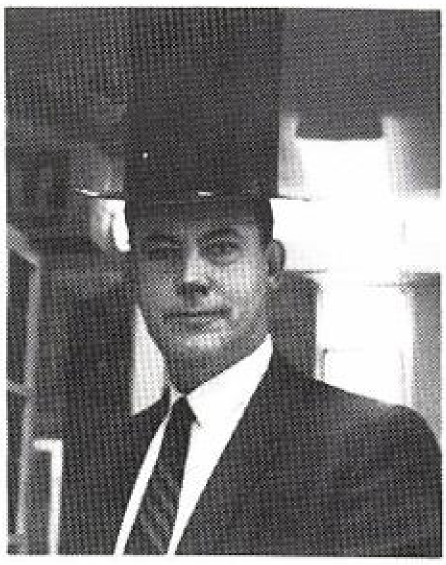
Risking censure from a heckling Group W and critical editorials in the *Wildcat's Beat,* Pep Club swallowed its pride and continued to fight for more school spirit when its membership numbered only about 35. Plagued from within its own ranks with little problems that crippled like a thorn in the 'Cat's paw, Pep Club fought the season's most valiant struggle by facing up to its ills and attempting a cure. By season's end, the group was able to bring home the cheering trophy from the basketball tournament. Pep Club revamped its by-laws, did away with uniform regulations and prepared to make it possible for every girl to cheer in '70. Mrs. Penny Pulliam was sponsor; Jeanne Heiny was president. Jackie Huskey was vice-president; Donna Ray, secretary; Donna Raff, points chairman; Mary Kay Mogensen, treasurer. Other vocal boosters were Shirley Anderson, Pam Baker, Kathi Buhler, Karla Buniger, Patti Combs, Linda Davis and Carol Fry.





Other trophy winners were Donna Dickerson, Cheri Fry, Kathy Gallegos, Aronda Greenhow, Jackie Guccini, Gail Hampton, Tami Jaeger, Beth Kettle, Leona Kettle, Paula Kochevar, Nancy Maluy, Kathy Marinelli, Kathy Mason, Della Rich, Elly Rodriguez, Marie Rodriguez, Ruby Russell, Sharla Smith, Leora Valencia, Denise Tufly, Sandy Wynkoop, Linda Watkins, Becky Young, Fran Young, Neta Young, Doris Park, Sheryl McLaughlin, as well as the eight varsity cheerleaders.

Gaylene Garlitz, right, shared editorial responsibility for production of *The Wildcat's Beat* with Co-editor Janet Siddens. Gaylene, along with adviser Mr. David Cromie and yearbook veteran Donna Dickerson, traveled to Chicago over Thanksgiving holidays to participate in the National Scholastic Press Association Convention. A staff of well-calloused (to midnight work) old timers and a group of verve-charged first year reporters met head-on with issues of the day. In a year in which teenagers were more concerned with Vietnam than with someone's favorite hobby, newsmen and editors often expressed pungent viewpoints, cut a little deeper than before, but were always fair.



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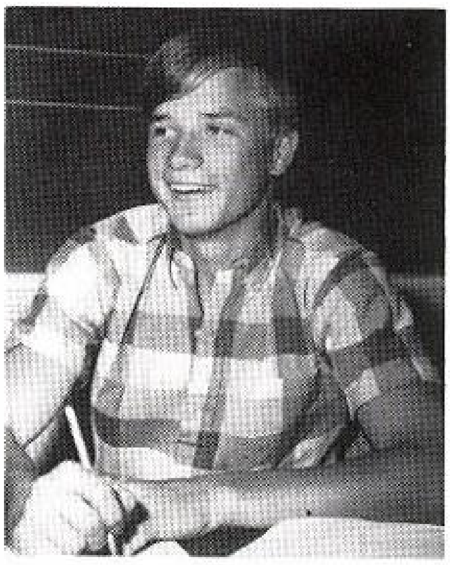
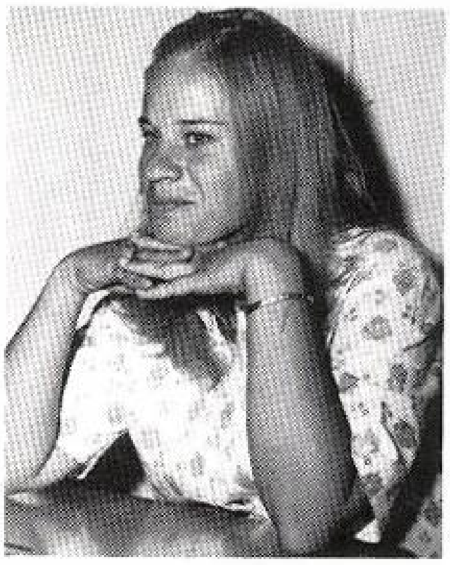
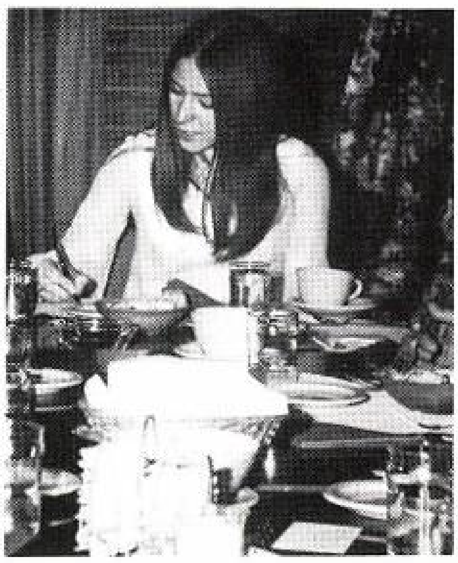
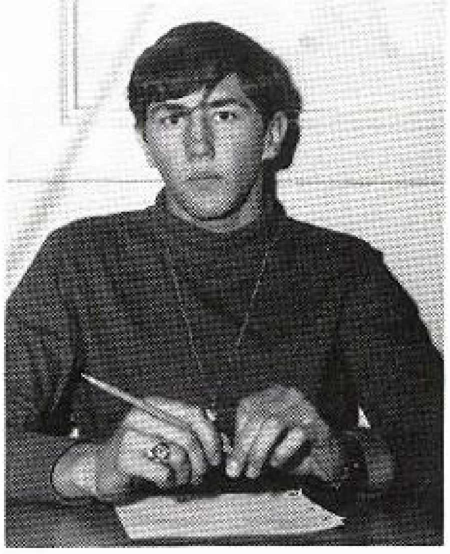






Publishers, newshounds, editors, reporters, photographers and the *Up With People* choir met at Denver's Brown Palace in February for the 91st Annual Convention of the Colorado Press Association. Fruita's two newspapers, *The Fruita Times* and *The Wildcat's Beat* were on hand too — both to receive awards. Editors Janet Siddens and Gaylene Garlitz, along with Adviser David Cromie, right, brought home the first-place award for Class I high school papers. Three firsts in three years!

Journalists Copped Colorado Press Award



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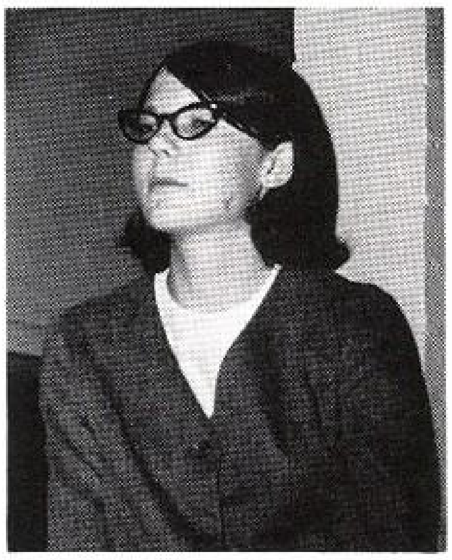

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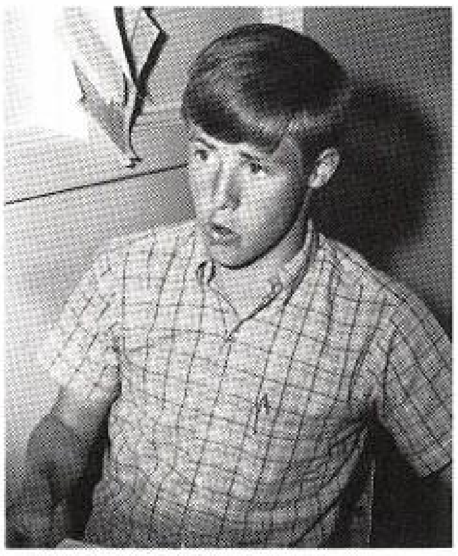

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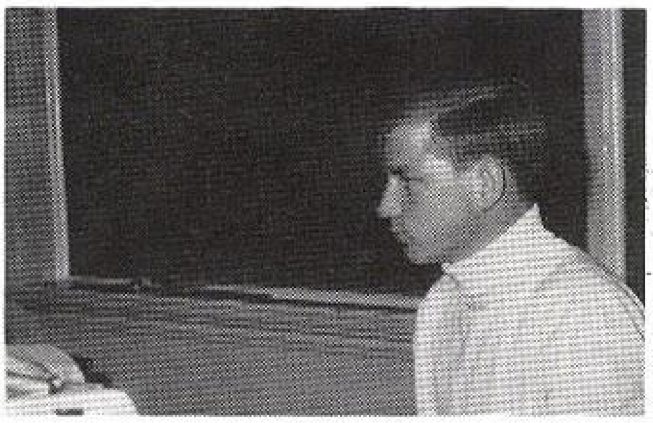
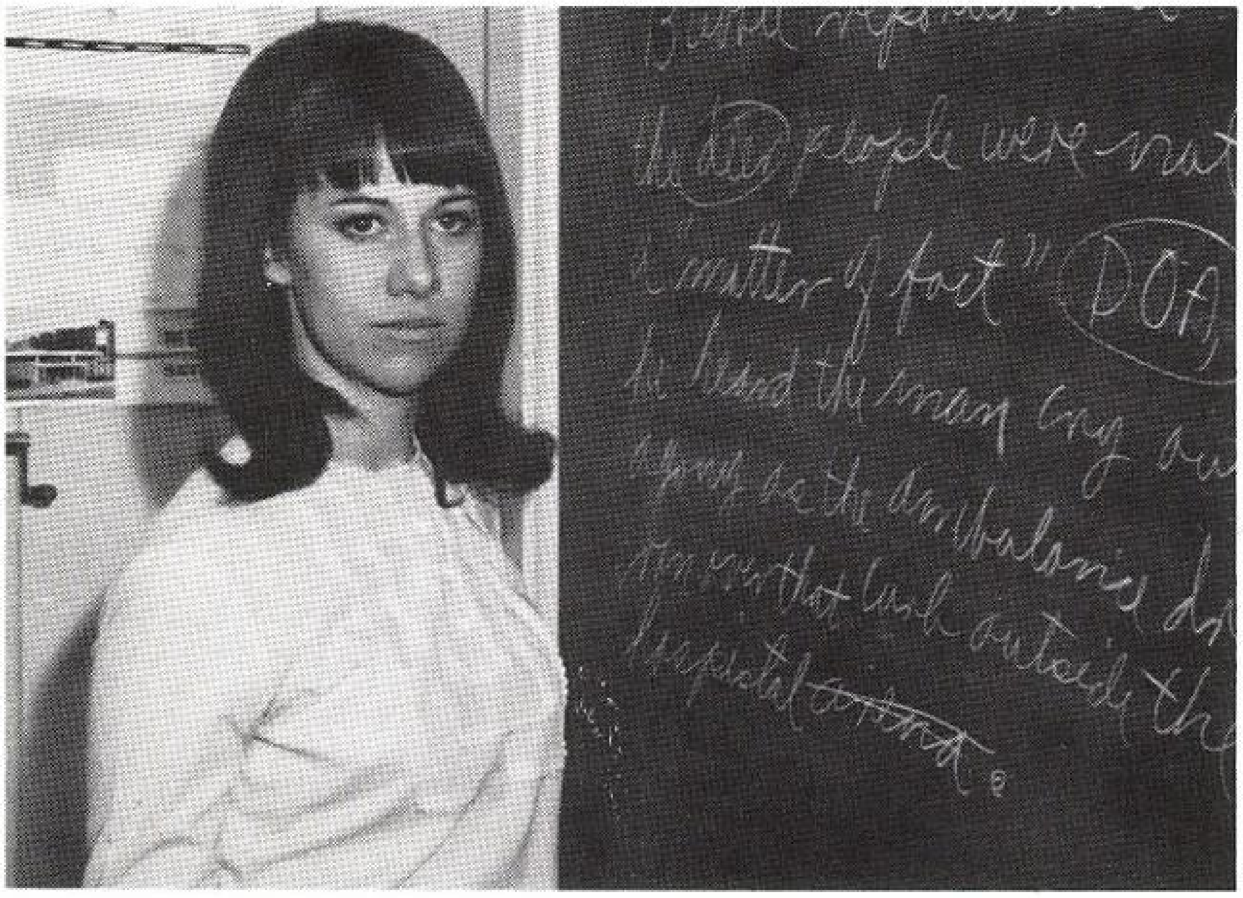
Danny Hoback

Gadfly journalists ventilated a cry of dissent targeted toward the awkward machinations of the Wildcat Committee. Pressing for reform within the Student Council-sponsored committee, *The Wildcat's Beat* headlined the issue and won a major victory when councilmen agreed to host a weekly gripe-in, euphemistically labeled "Student Forum." Commentators also took up the gauntlet for Pep Club, nettled by the vociferous Group W like a Wildcat with a burr in its paw. Scribes, below, top, are Co-editor Janet Siddens working the eerie hours at the *Fuita Times;* adviser Mr. David Cromie. In row two are Reporter Joe Rodriquez, who joined the staff at semester; Steve Hoback, sports editor, and sophomore Distribution Manager Tami Jeager. Bottom row J-students are tireless fact-finder Marty Wells and Patti Combs, staff special events editor and diligent news hound.

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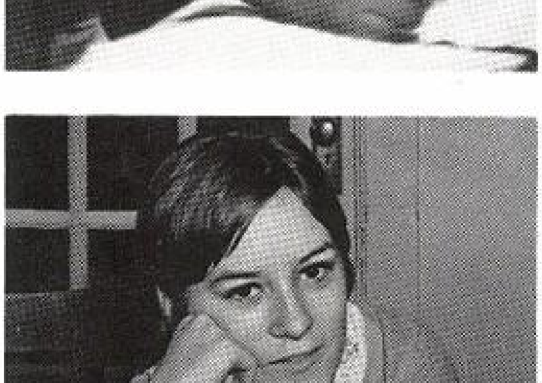
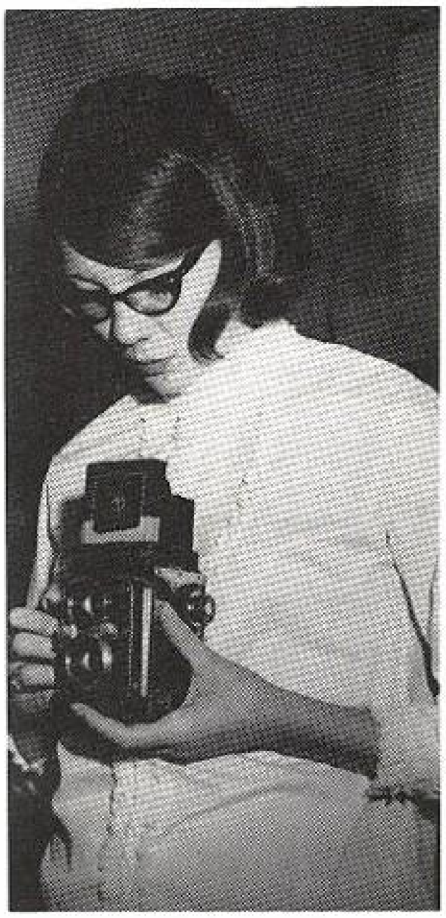


Newsmen Fomented Action With Tough Reporting

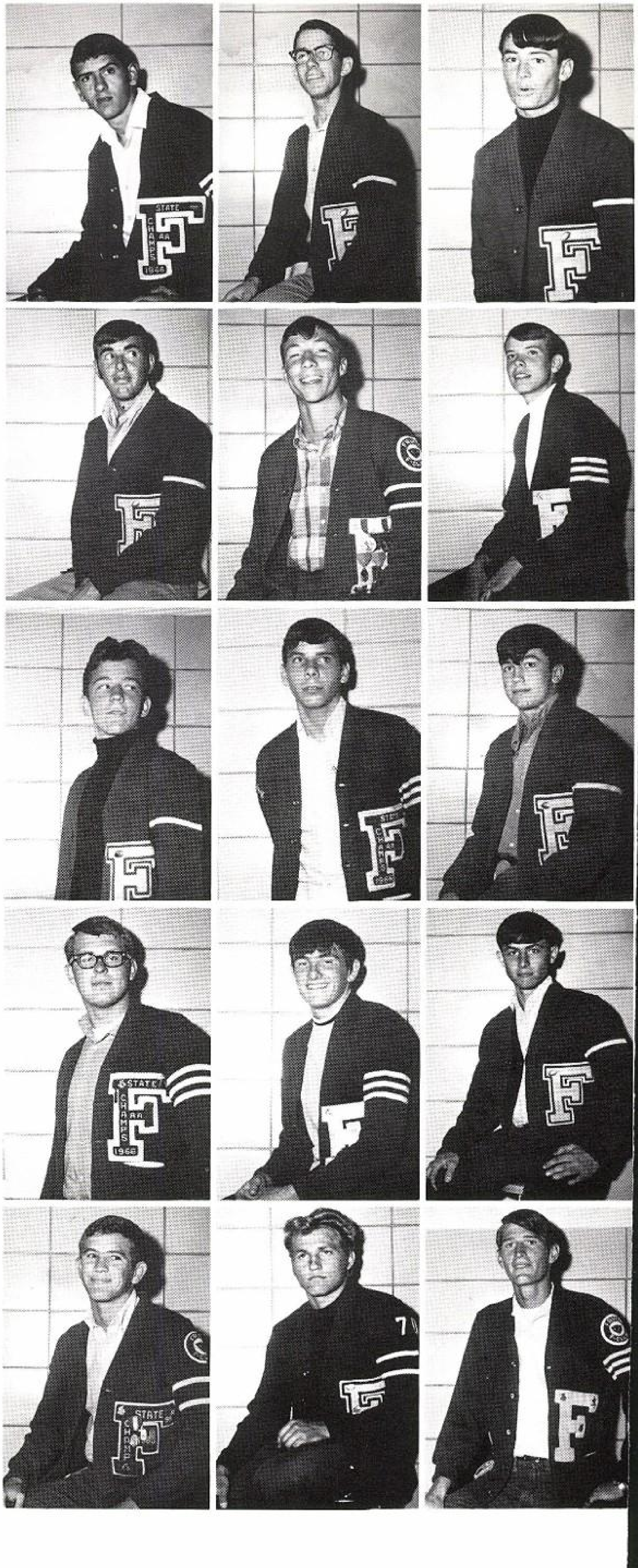
Judy LaMar, at left with Joe Rodriquez, joined the prize-winning *Beat* staff as a first-year newsman only to grab the post of copy editor. At lower left is senior Cheryl Lorimer, beat chief and a member of the original *Action* TV panel, which also included Patti Combs. Below is sophomore Nancy Maluy, human interest editor, followed by Layout Chief Joe Beckstein, Organizations Editor Pam Fortik and novice newsman Joe Rodriquez.

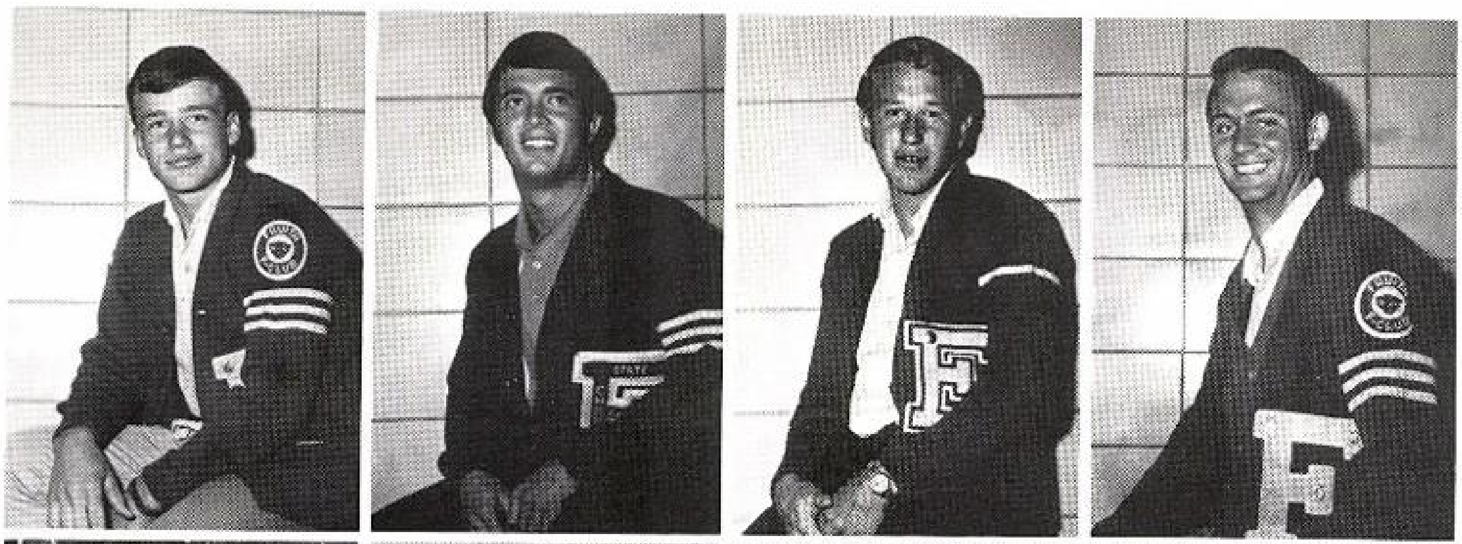


F-Club president, Norman Vincent, received the Best-Wrestler trophy at a banquet May 23, Coach Jack Pollock made the trophy presentation at the Quarterback Club affair. Norman also copped the football award which head gridiron Coach Gerald Zybura presented.

F-Club: Galaxy Of Brightest Stars

Desire is the key which opens the door to Fruita's F-Club, and any young man with desire can earn membership in this most difficult of all clubs to enter. Those who wore the coveted "F" knew not only pride but a tremendous sense of accomplishment. Norman Vincent headed up the organization in '69; Don Bristol was vice-president; Bill Williams, secretary and Steve Hoback, treasurer. As a 'Thank-you' F-Club invited Pep Club to a spring picnic. You bring the hotdogs, buns, potato salad and chips, said the fellows. Fine, said Pep Club; and what are you furnishing? We'll take care of building a fire, the guys said.





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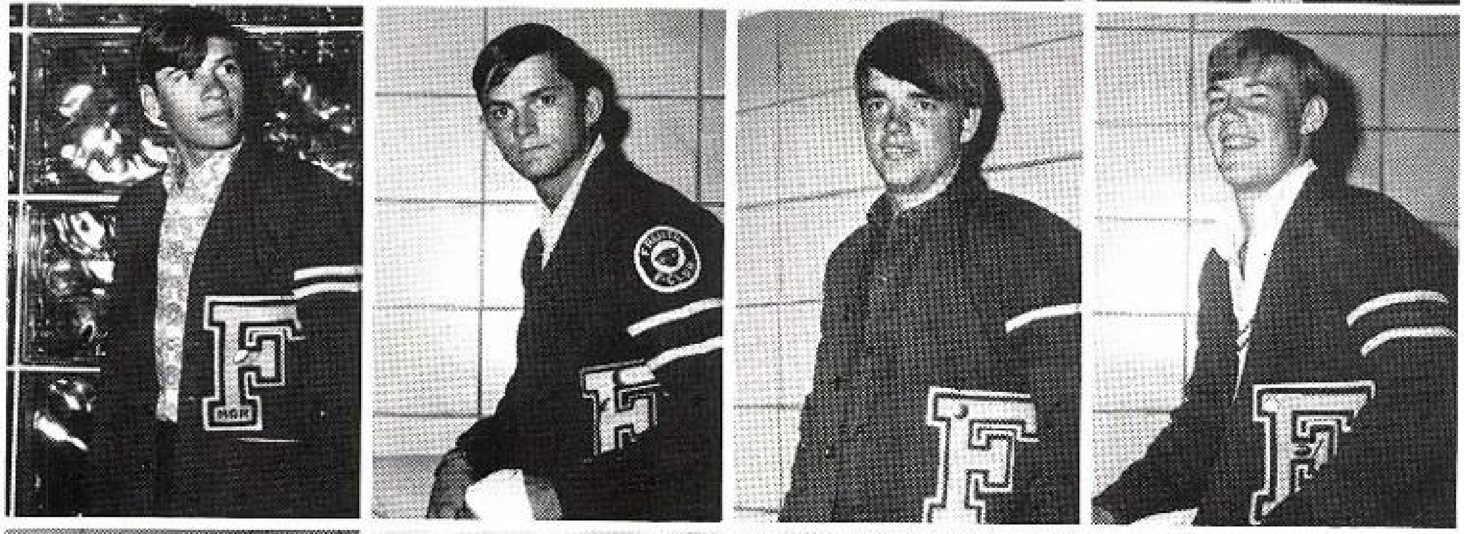

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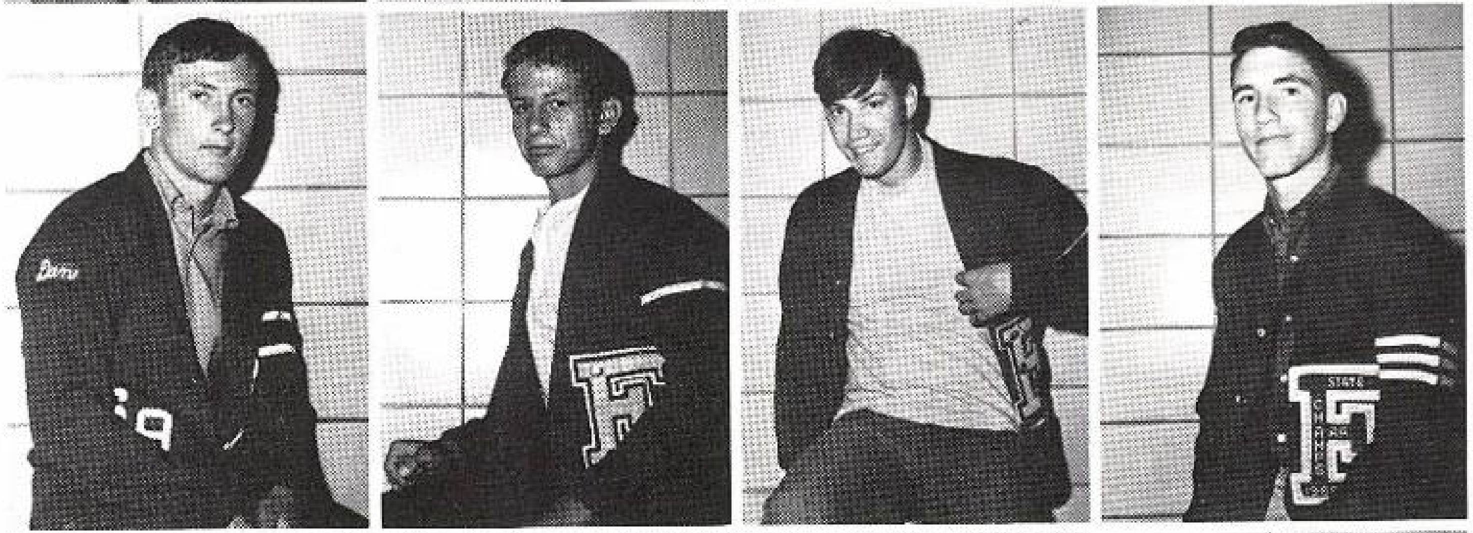

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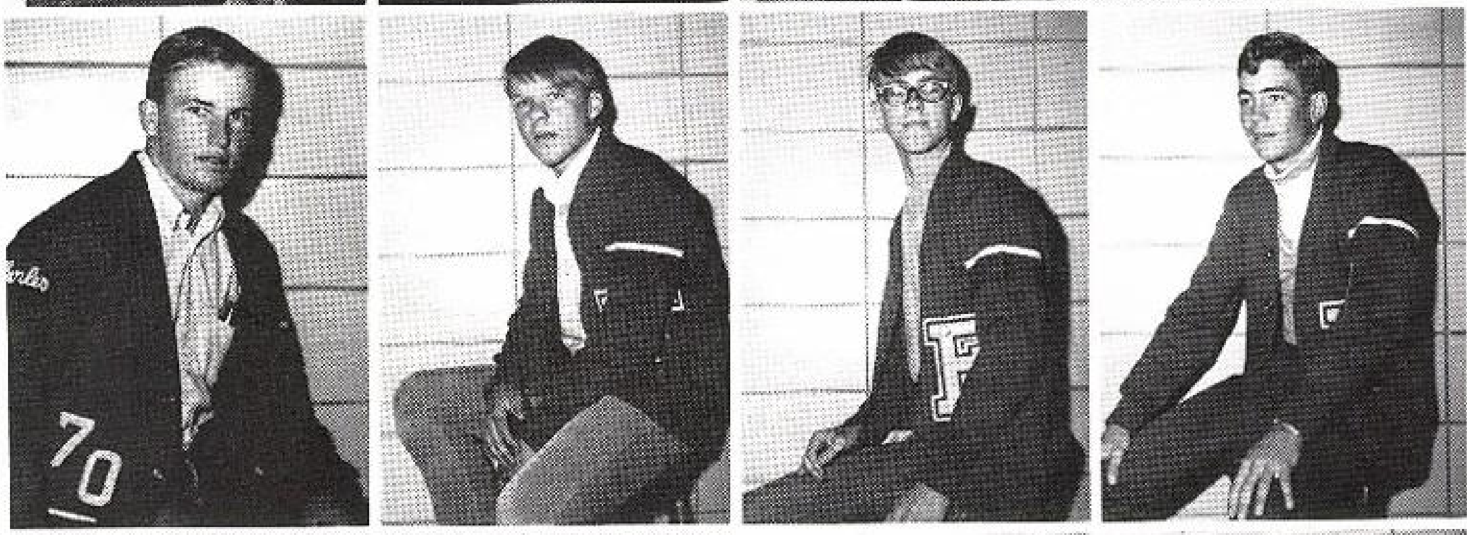

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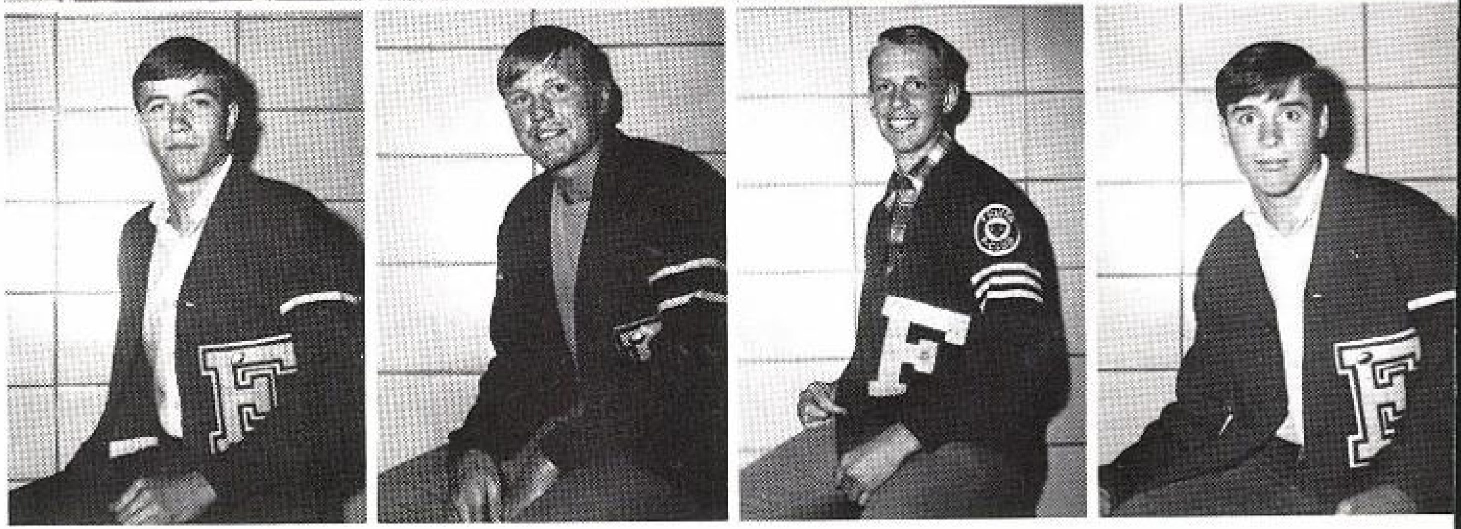
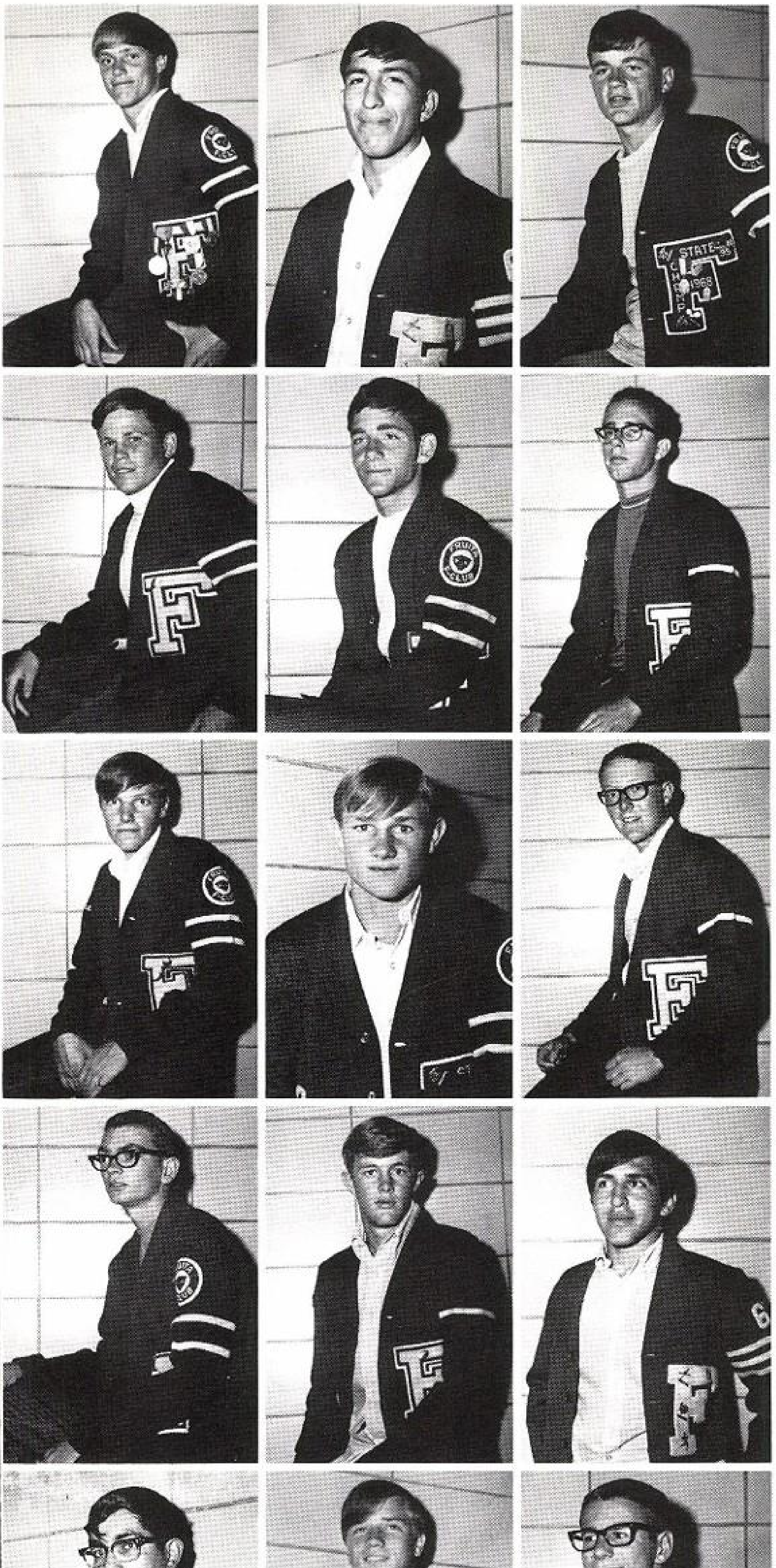
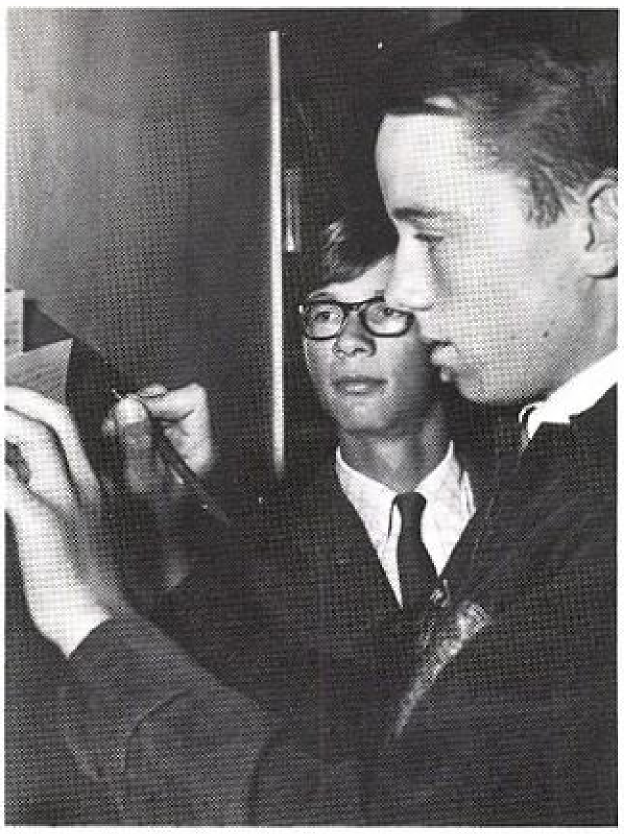




Coach Marion Littlepage presented the Outstanding Baseball Player Award to senior letterman Eddie Serrano, Fruita's veteran catcher and stalwart ball-hawk in '69.

Gearld Clawson received double recognition; here Coach Lowry Bishop awards the Outstanding Basketball Player trophy to Gearld; Coach Jack Pollock also named Gearld the standout trackster among a field of fleet-footed.



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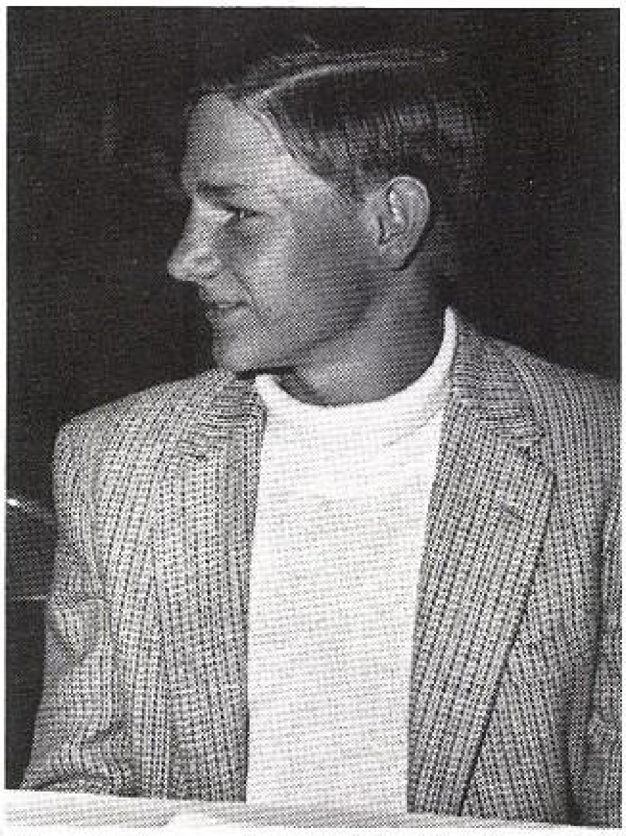

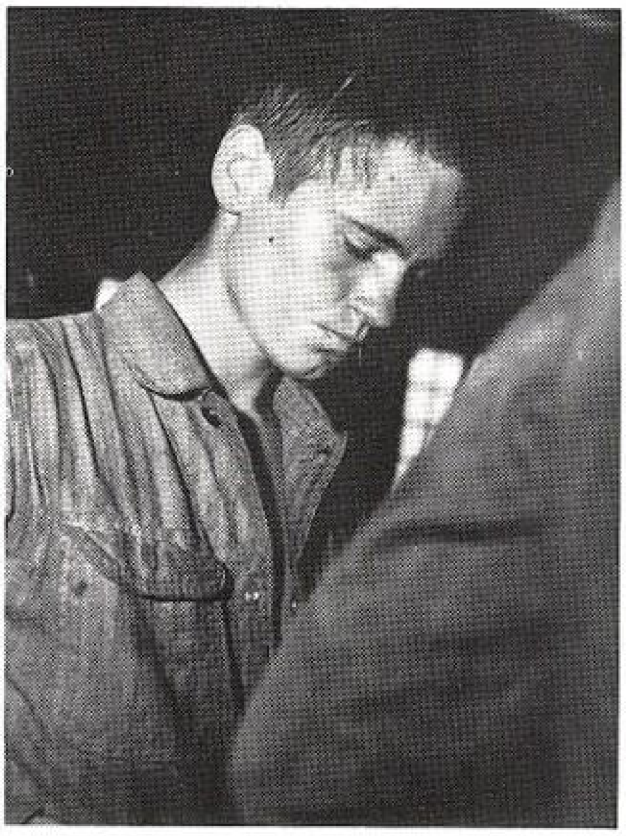
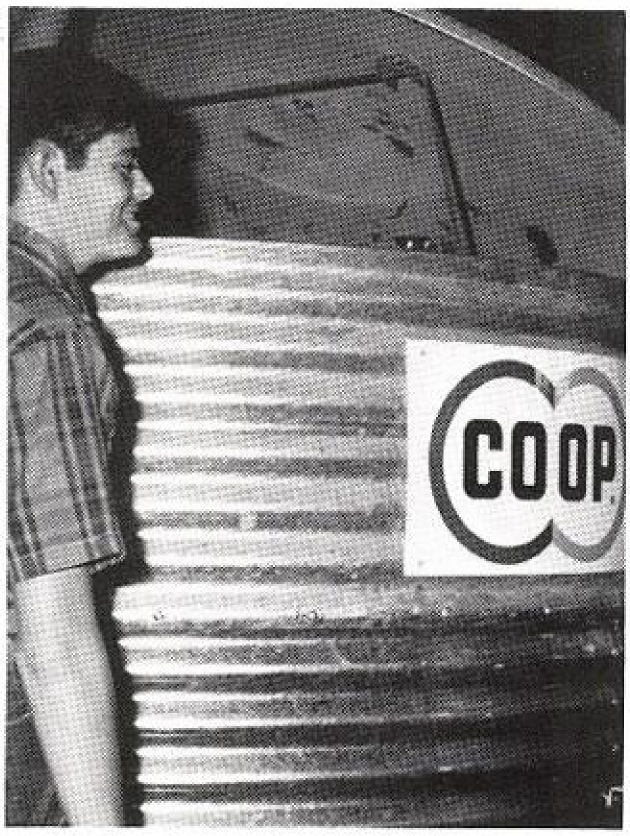
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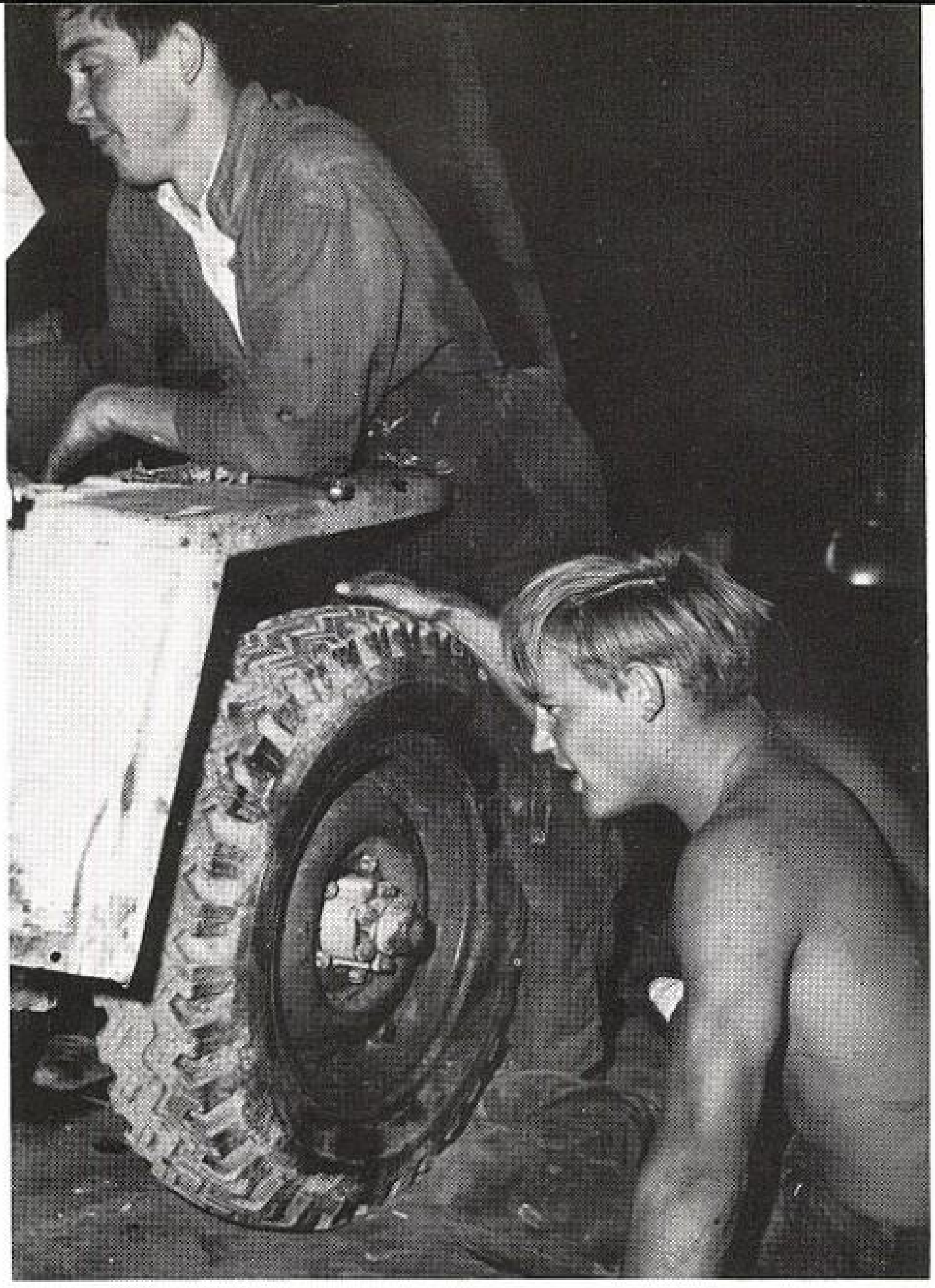
Future Farmers Sent Two To Kansas City

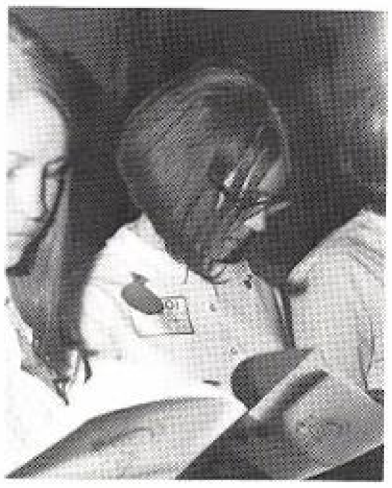
Harold Davis, Larry Seal and Curtis Allen, below, practice for up-coming parliamentary procedures competition. Fourteen members tried for the team.

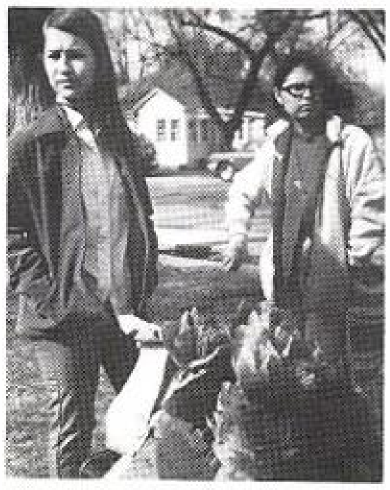


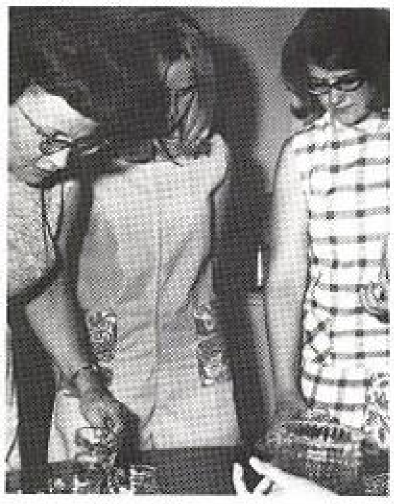
Future Farmers on facing page, top row, are Terry Marinelli, Mark Harris and Steve Roberts, Bruce Kettle, Jerry White, Perry Morlang, Bobby Rodriguez, Don Wynkoop and Jerry Johnston. Observing National FFA week February 15-22, Fruita's chapter planned a window display for downtown Fruita, erected a billboard, passed out stickers and posters and produced a radio program on the vocational agriculture and FFA programs at FHS.

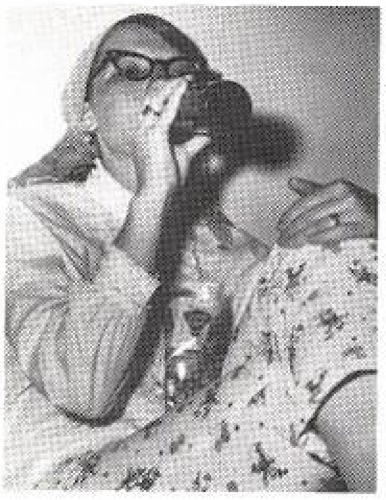
While the parliamentary procedures teams continued to work out, a large delegation from Fruita attended the National Western Livestock Show in Denver January 13. At top, above, are Mike Moon and John Harmon.

Future Farmer sponsor Mr. Omer Burenheide, at left with Kent Roper, traveled to Kansas City, Mo., in mid-October with Chapter President Terry Marinelli to attend the National FFA Convention. "It was tremendous," they reported. In fact, '69 was a tremendous year for Fruita FFA. With forty-six members and six officers, the chapter chalked up a year of outstanding accomplishments. Jack Durrett served as vice-president; Frank Fry was secretary and high-point scorer; Walter Williams was treasurer; Ernie Boswell, reporter and Arnold Nagel, sentinel. Rhondy Groves earned a superior rating in swine judging among rugged competition from area schools.









Future Homemakers' Grump-in Ended '69

Effervescent Future Homemakers of America brought '69 to a close with an early-morning grump-in that turned into a fun time with time. After serving 96 members and guests at the FFA banquet May 23, six FHA girls and two very tired sponsors were awakened with the sun next morning by impish chapter president Sharla Smith and sidekick Faye Kelley who wanted to do something special after four years with the organization. So they got everyone out of bed grouchy, eyes still glued together and announced a come-as-you-are party for all club members. It all happened at Faye Kelley's home where Mrs. Ron Kelley served breakfast piping hot. Girls slowly came to life and the party was a riot. Sharla Smith later received the Outstanding Senior FHA Member award. Faye Kelley won special honors for having sold the most cookbooks in four years; she totaled 37 books in '69 alone. Members above are Wilma Clawson, Marie Rodriguez, Sharla Smith, Gail Burwell. Also Starla O'Brien, Ellen McBride, Sherry Kizer, Mrs. Clarice Taylor, Pam Fortik, Linda Watkins, Vera Post and Faye Kelley.

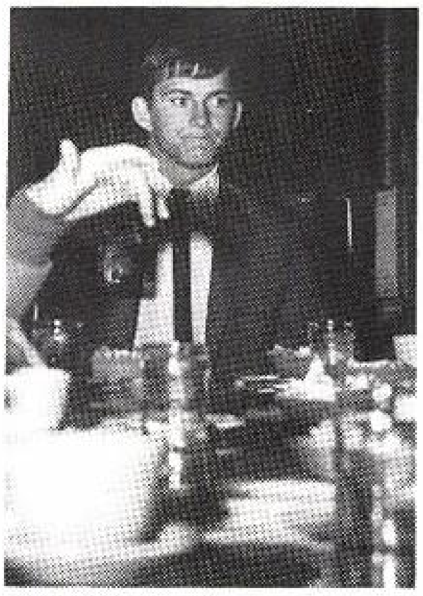
Eleven Gals Attended District Do April 17 and 18

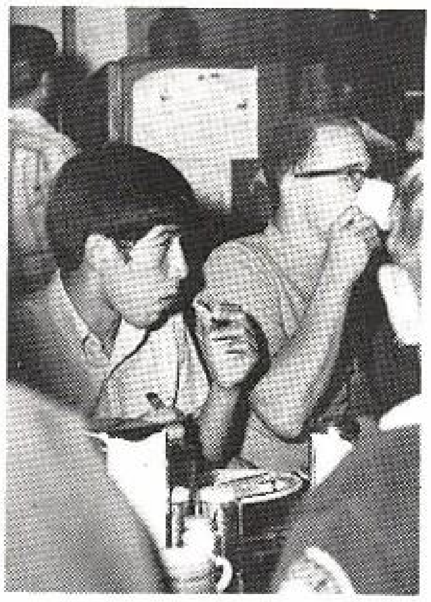
A whirlwind of activities — some fund-raising, all energy-expending — typified Future Homemakers in '69. The group made favors for Lower Valley Hospital on five different occasions; members toured Hilltop house and helped with Hilltop's Lily Drive. In mid-April the group traveled to Glenwood Springs for the District Convention. Linda Watkins was elected district representative to the convention. And Marie Rodriguez earned the most points in club activities in a busy, busy year.

Marie Rodriguez, Mrs. Charles Post, Ellen McBride and Linda Watkins, above, await transportation to the Glenwood Springs convention. Linda was the parliamentarian; Ellen the recreation leader, and Wilma Clawson was organization vice-president. Pam Fortik served as the group's reporter.

Presiding at a chapter installation, President Sharla Smith and Songleader Marie Rodriguez prepare the agenda, left. Faye Kelley was the secretary; Ruby Russell, the club historian.

Key Club, suggested and organized by Mr. Robert Watts, joined the FHS activities scene in '69. "It will give boys an excellent opportunity to be of service to their school and community," Sponsor Watts explained. Patent organization for Fruita's chapter was the Bookcliff Chapter of Kiwanis International. Wednesday mornings were set aside for breakfast get-togethers either at the Coachman's Inn or Gay Johnson's. Since business began early for Key Club — meetings were called to order at 6:15 a.m., members found it necessary to rise and shine long before most others. Glen Ross landed the presidency during Key Club's inaugural year. Eddie Botkin served as vice-president; Tom Sommerville was secretary and Larry Watkins held the treasurer's post. Eddie Botkin, Dennis Price, Jim Bennetts and Larry Reed planned a constitution for the club.

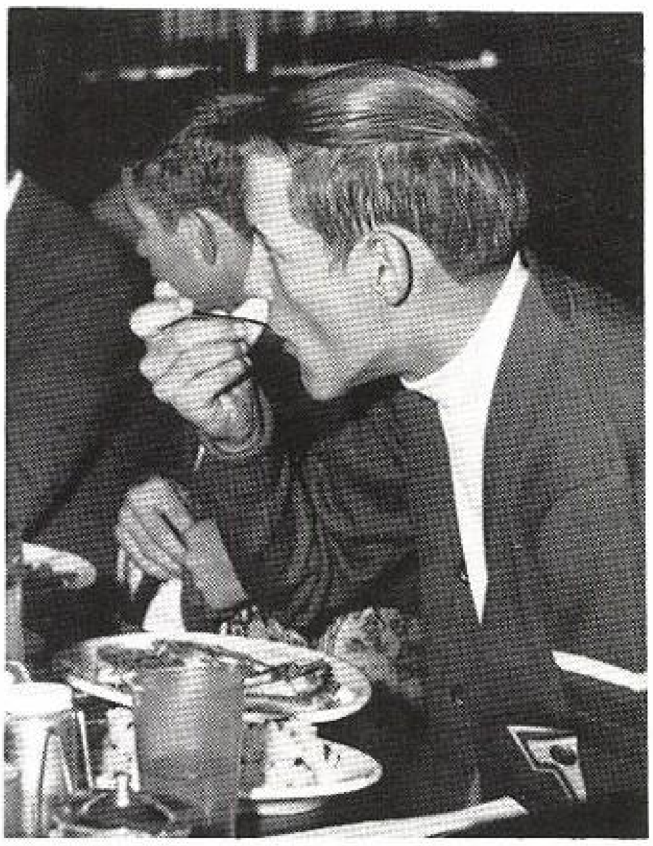




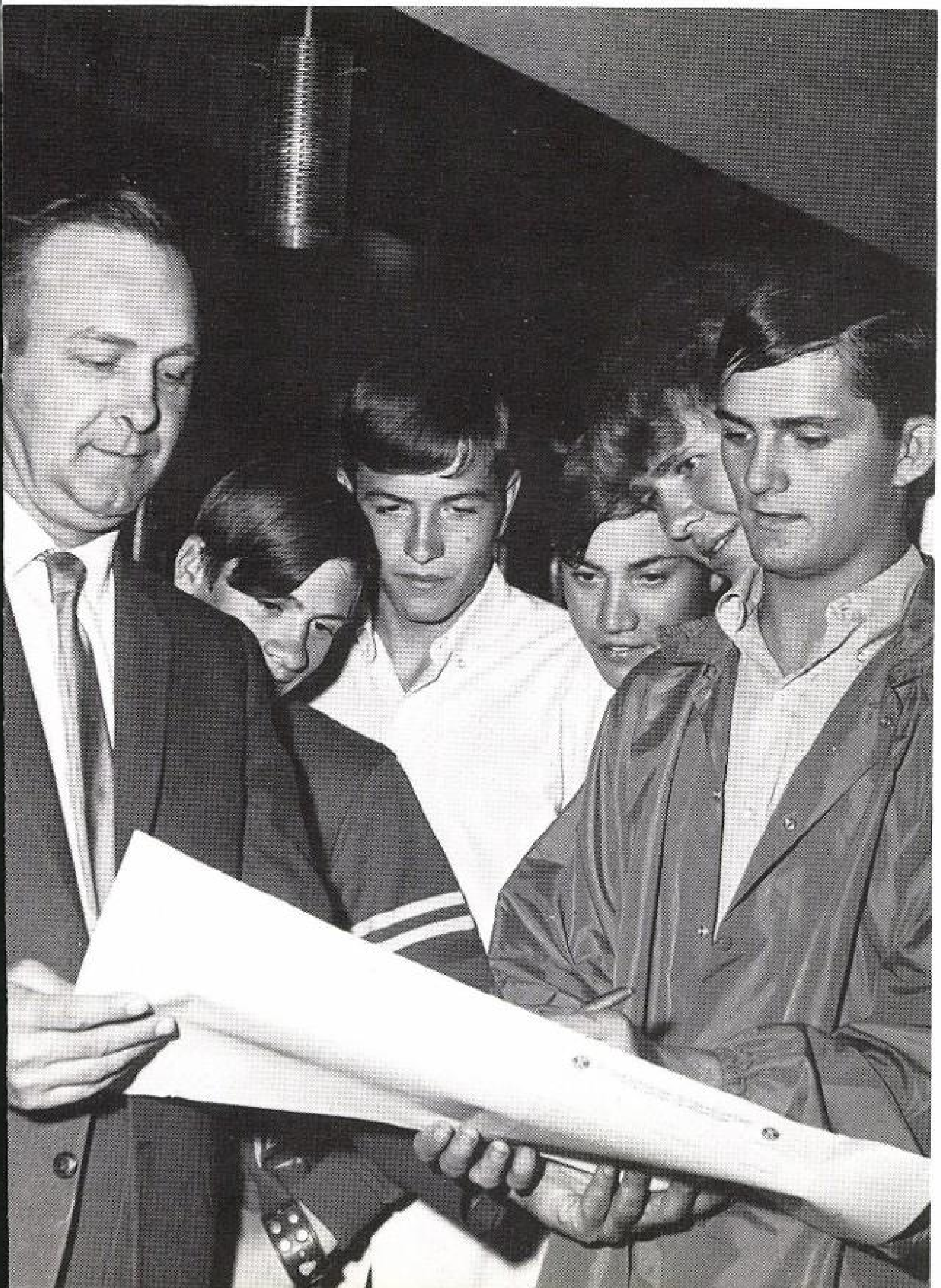
Active in April were, top row, from the left: Ron Garcia, Thomas Gibson and Larry Reed; then Mike Rich; President Glen Ross; and Mike Lehmann with Mr. Robert Watts. Second Row: Glen Ross again, Tom Sommerville; Mr. Robert Watts with guest Mr. Walden H. George; Larry Reed, Jim Bennetts and Jim Anderson; Larry Bond, Tom Sommerville. Bottom Row: Dennis Price and Glen Ross, then Ray Ball, Larry Watkins, Mr. Robert Watts, Mr. Walden H. George and Ronnie Garcia; Larry Watkins, Kris Keith and Larry Bond.

Key Club, Fruita's Newest, Charted Plans For Service, Leadership

Crowding around Mr. Ray LaCour of the Bookcliff Chapter of Kiwanis are Eddie Botkin, Larry Reed, Gene Miles, Ronnie Garcia and Ray Ball. Organized late in the year, Fruita's Key Club atracted a healthy membership quickly — mostly juniors.



Larry Reed and Jim Bennetts divide their attention between a tempting early-morning breakfast at Gay Johnson's and the speaker of the morning. Although used to rising early because of split sessions, Key Club members broke all records for bouncing out; most hit the floor around five to get to the pre-dawn breakfasts on time.



Mike Lehmann, who started at the outside of the circle managed to slip into its center to view an application for a club charter. Joe Jones, Dennis Price, Larry Bond and organization president Glen Ross hear an explanation of how to follow through with the paper work. Key Club had several service projects in the fire by year's end just weeks after the charter grant.

Drum Major
Bryan Beck

From band clinic to music festival, Fruita's marching calliope of color blasted off vigorously while Arnold Nagel bravely beat his big bass drum until it sighed once, then crumpled under the sound thumping. Pipers who blew wild in the fall, above, are Dale Tompkins, baritone; Steve Laimbock, trumpet; Joe Beckstein, clarinet — as well as Dan Daniels on drum — and Steve Wassam, baritone. Maestros Richard Roy and Paul Bushkovski audited notes throughout the syncopated season of '69.

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Not all sound was instrumental. Vocal whip, Drum Major Bryan Beck, top, right, conjured up a chorus of eerie decibels to cajole, coax, wheedle, plead and threaten. His, "I can't hear you-u-u-u!" constantly hovered over the field. Boss Beck wielded his baton like a shellelagh with which he cudgelled many a shin when bandsmen failed to put plenty of snap into both maneuver and music. Joe Orr won the John Philip Sousa award as outstanding musician in '69. At right are Banner Girls Lyn Cronk and Carol Fry, who sparkled sound with smiles in the key of C.

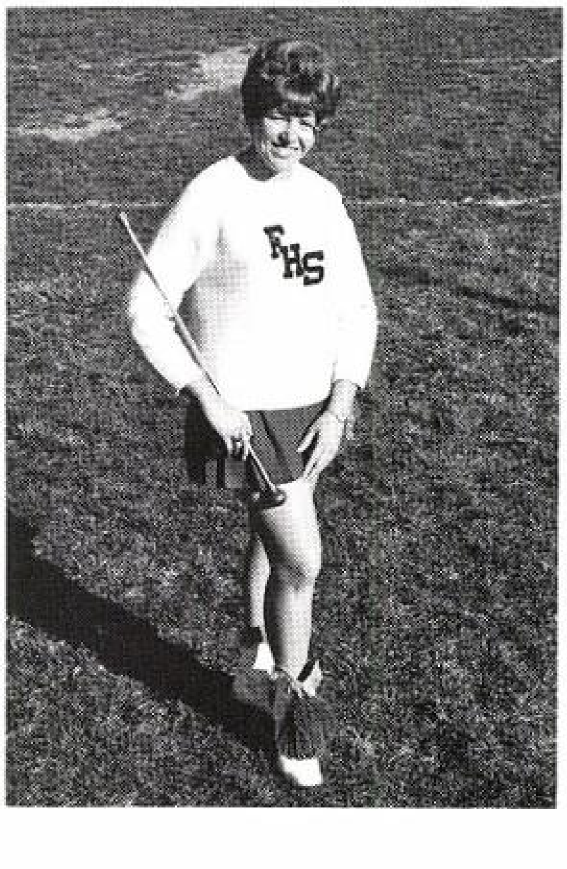
Drum Majorette
Kathy Gallegos

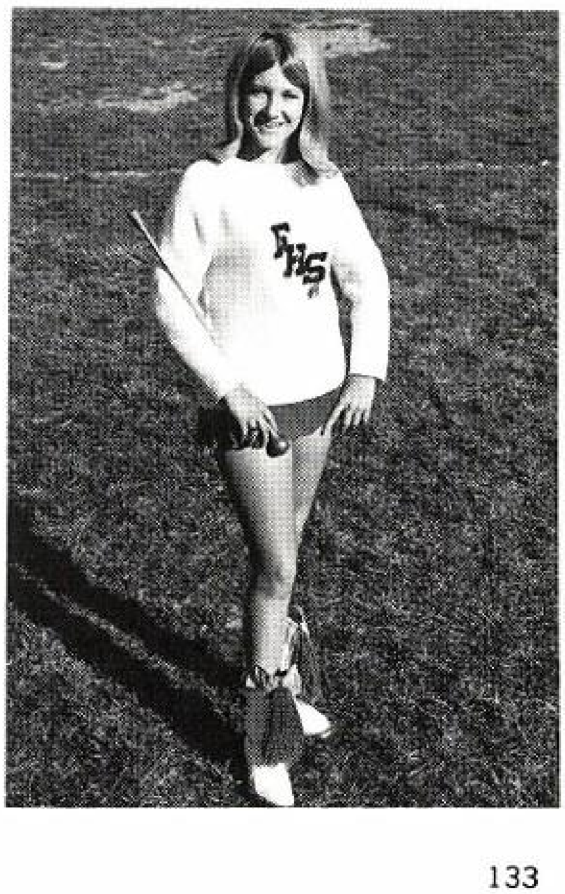
Salty Bryan Beck Peppered 'Cat Music Makers With His Big, Bad Baton

Petit Drum Majorette Kathy Gallegos, top, blew her whistle while Beck blew his cool to keep the band on its collective toes. At the Grand Junction music festival, Fruita earned a II-rating in marching, a III in sight-reading and a IV in concert form. By spring absenteeism was common.

Twirler Faye Kelley, near right, an eight-year veteran 'Cat musician (first clarinet), attended honor band three consecutive seasons. She won a II-rating at the February solo and ensemble contests. Faye also worked with the hoop baton.

Lithesome Donna Raff lived to twirl (although she often shattered noggins with her flying baton). Donna coached a corps of smallfry, and entered her own skills in the solo contest where she created music with motion. In concert she tooted a horn.





Proud Pipers: Fruita's Brisk, Merry

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Sound technicians who drummed up enthusiasm at Blue and White happenings in '69 included Bryan Beck and Kathy Gallegos, drum majors; Faye Kelley and Donna Raff, twirlers, Lyn Cronk and Carol Fry, banner girls. Fran Young served as band president. Blowing 'Cat clarinets were Janet Siddens, Faye Kelley, Martha Cary, Lorna Wilkinson, Joe Beckstein, Tim Arpke, Kathy Gallegos, Barbara Hickman, Marty Wells and Barbara Bilyeu. Tooting flutes were Marlene Smith, Lyn Cronk, Sharon Flora and Carol Fry. Fruita's golden cornets were winded by Joe Orr, winner of the John Philip Sousa award; Steve Laimbock, Fred Meyer, Gene Shaw, Ross Beede, Jim Waggoner, Bob DeCamp, Leis Dardin, Lonnie Smith. Gary Barcus manned the only bass clarinet. Thumping-fine drummers included amiable Joe Muths, Jim Anderson, Dan Daniels, Jim Bennetts, Arnold Nagel, who put wham-o into his work; Tim Arpke and Glenn Erkman. Mr. Richard Roy and Mr. Paul Bushkovski each served one semester directing the 'Cat musicmakers. Following a serious illness, Mr. Roy gave up the baton with much regret. Gene Shaw, Joe Muths and Joe Orr also stood-in as directors.

Musicians

Lorna Wilkinson, Joe Orr, Martha Cary, Ross Beede and Fred Meyer, top, left, made the 12th Annual Band Clinic November 12 at Grand Junction High School. Seven schools sent more than 600 musicians to the all-day workout. Joe Jones and John Ludlam prepare for a concert, top right. Above are Fran Young, Danny Webb, Arnold Nagel and Joe Muths at the FMHS cornerstone ceremony, then Cheryl Lorimer. Below are Donna, Kathy, Lyn, Cheryl, Carol, Faye and Bryan at a halftime show.

Syncopation on the saxophones added rich variation to Fruita's Big Sound. Fran Young, Chuck Peterson, Paul Crespin and Linda Zamora blew sax. On trombones were Ed Netherton, Cheryl Lorimer, John Ludlam, and Gary Haller. A trio of sassy French horns puffed by Bryan Beck, Donna Raff and Danny Webb added body to the steady flow of notes. Dale Tompkins, Steve Wassam and Larry Quimby piped the baritones while Joe Jones and Jay Jones shouldered the low basses. Julie Brown and Larry Noetzelmann also joined the cascade of sound to make it the biggest little band in all Western Colorado.

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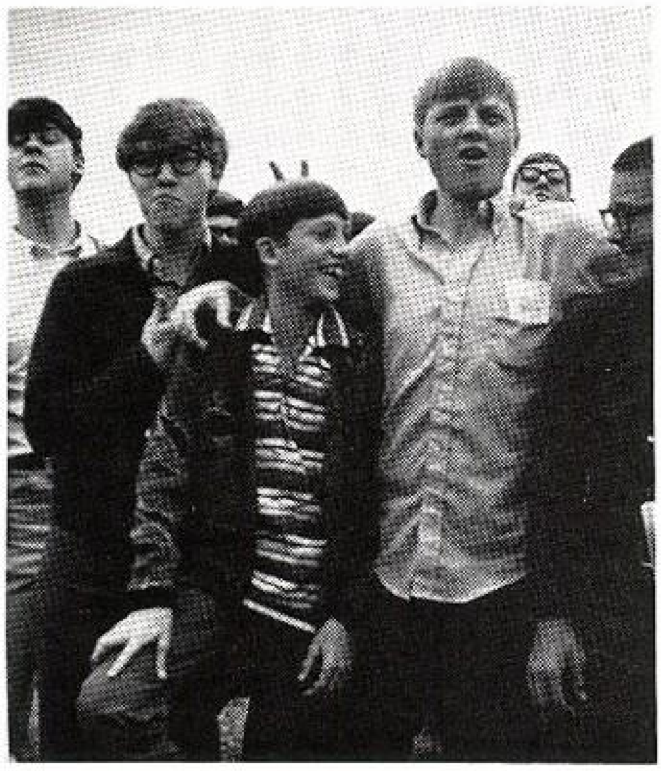
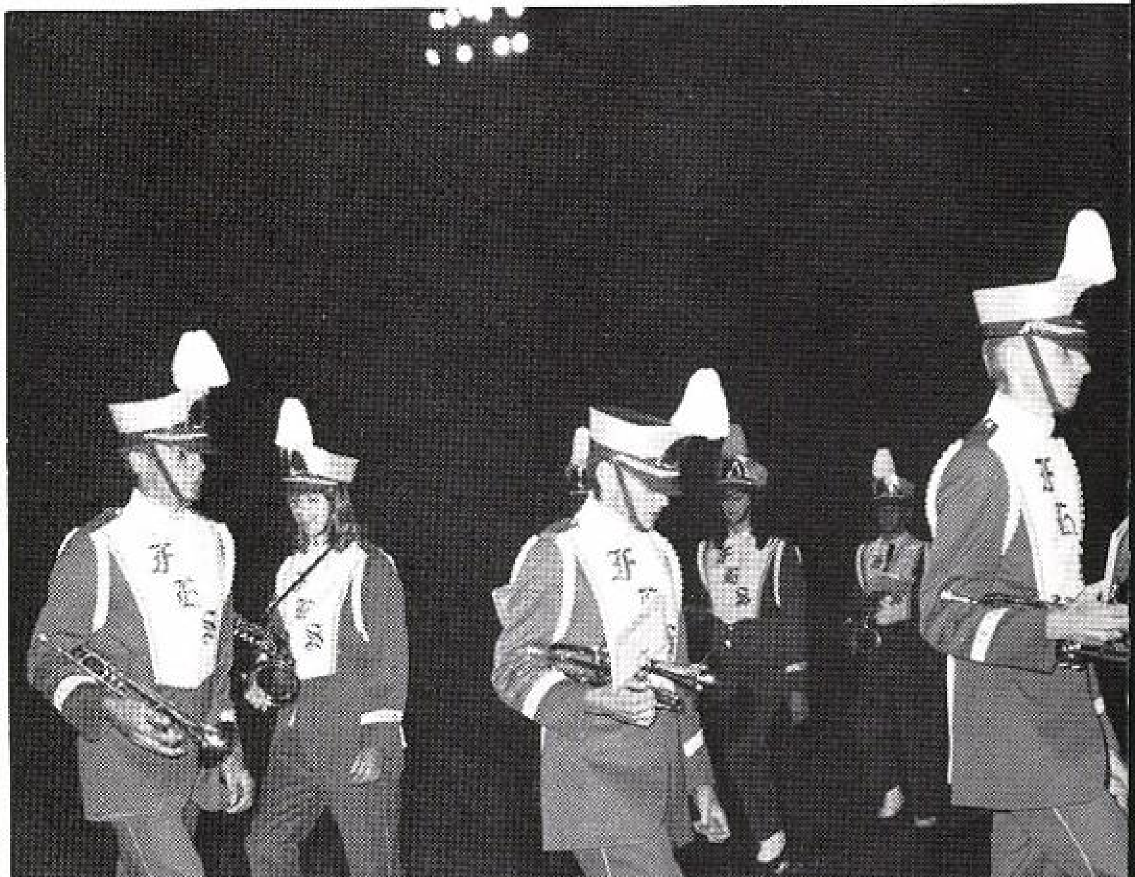
Bandsmen Set A Blazing Pace In a Red-hot Ride from Gunnison

Blow-by-blow, musicians blew everything but their cool, and even that was placed in jeopardy on occasion. After Jay Jones tossed a pop can out the bus window and Arnold Nagel followed suit with an orange (which hit Director Richard Roy), the bus caught fire homeward bound from Gunnison. Then the tail pipe came loose. Bandsmen were like a comet streaking homeward, sparking the night.

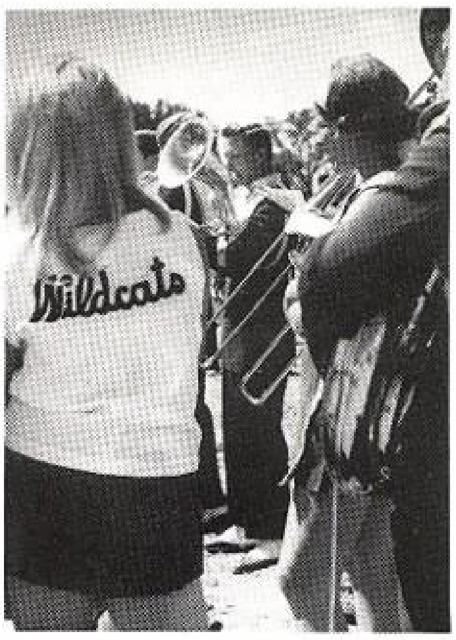


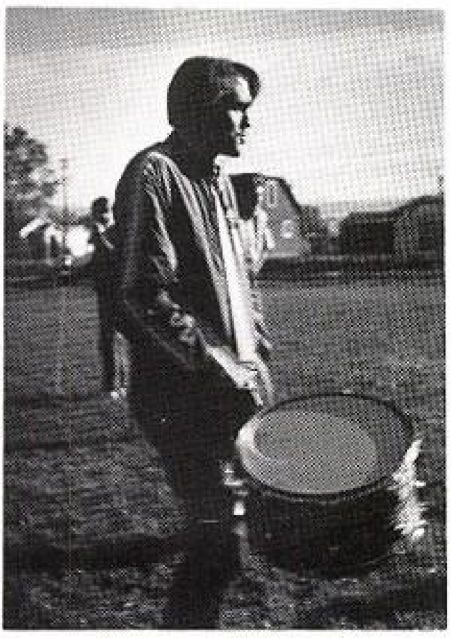


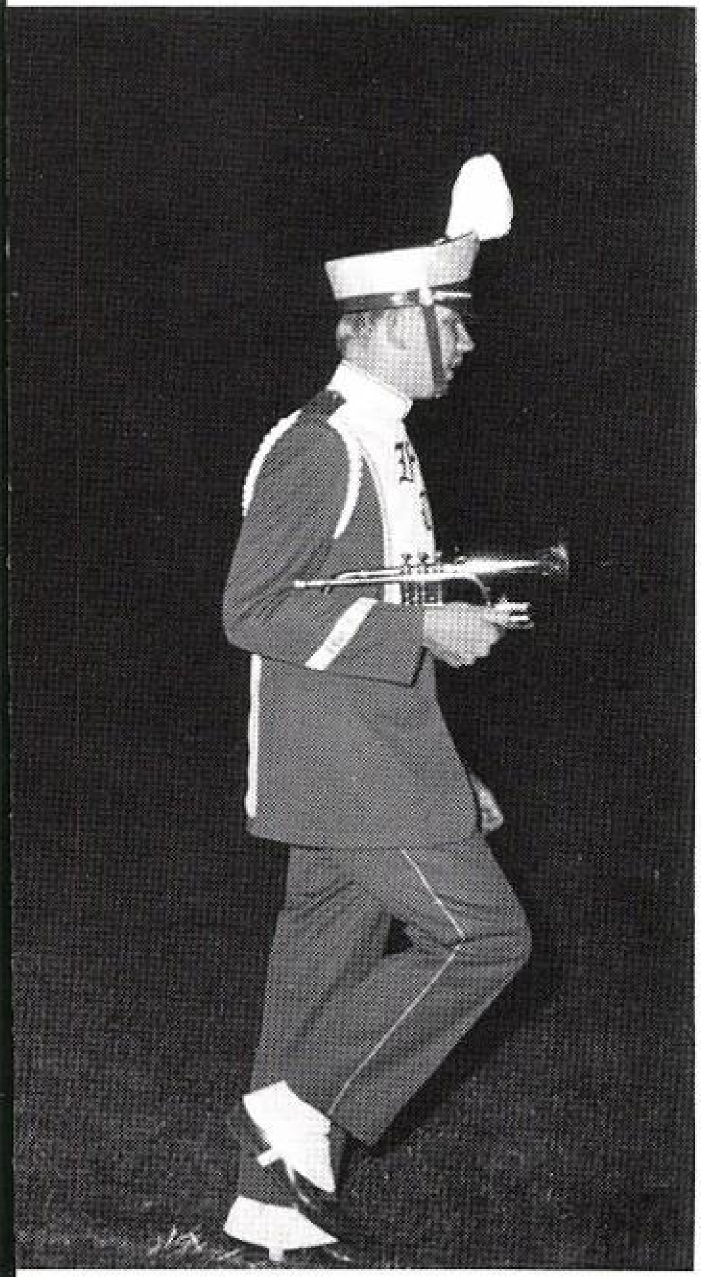
Stalwart young men of note Joe Jones and John Ludlam, top, right, examine their comely reflexions in Joe's instrument before a concert.

Engaged in a mirthful interlude during band clinic, top, left, are Janet Siddens, Julie Brown, Cheryl Lorimer, Jay Jones and Faye Kelley. Julie was one of the very few junior girls to march with the musical aggregation in '69.

Steve Laimbock, right, led cornet and sax sections in review at a 'Cat grid clash. Following were Bob DeCamp, Larry Noetzelmann, Fran Young, Sharon Flora, Chuck Peterson, Lewis Dardin, Jim Waggoner and others of the Wildcat brass clan.







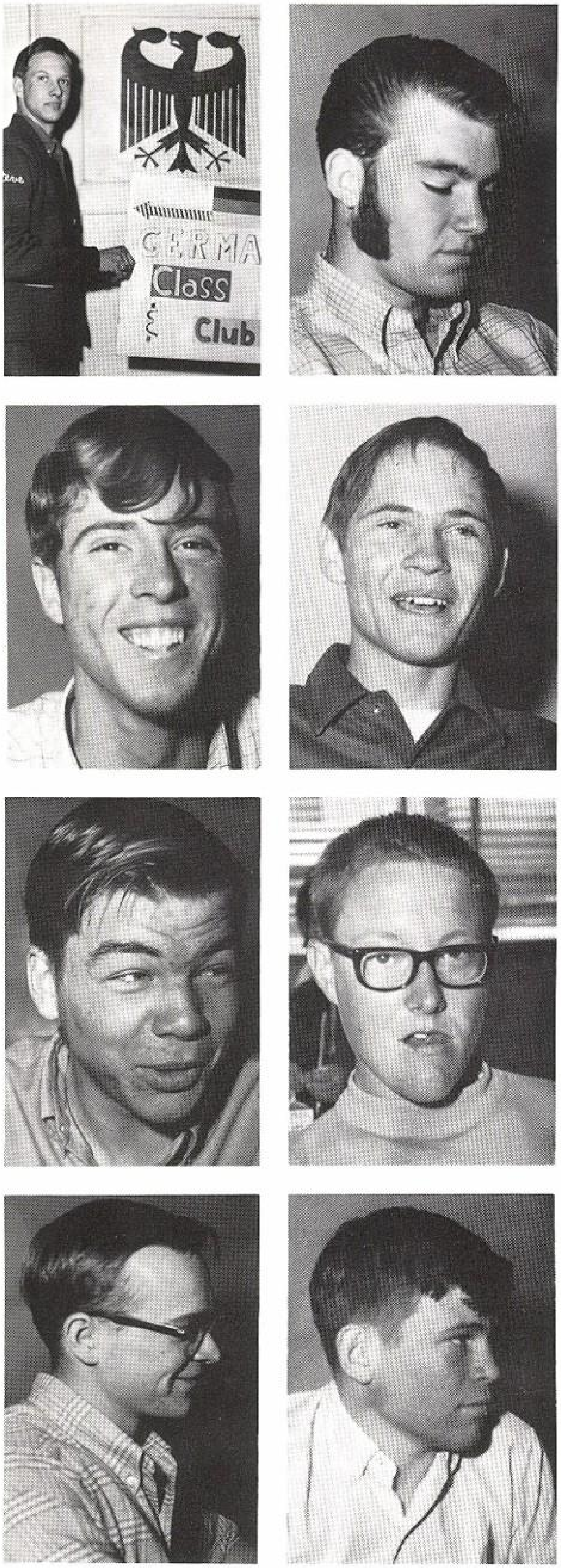
Brittle fall practices led at last to a stifling May 10 dedication day as bandsmen tooted many a finishing touch into a last straw; yet they earned deserved bows for jobs well-done. Above, top, are Mr. Paul Bushkovski and Steve Wassam; Barbara Bilyeu and Lorna Wilkinson; Joe Jones and John Ludlam; Donna Raff, Steve Wassam and Faye Kelley; Joe Muths; John Jones; Joe Orr, Ross Beede and Bob DeCamp; Marty Wells, Lyn Cronk, Carol Fry and Marlene Smith at the new FMHS dedication.

TOP: Donna Raff, Mr. Walden H. George, Gene Shaw, Steve Wassam, Dale Tompkins, Danny Webb, Faye Kelley, Jay Jones and Marlene Smith. *ABOVE:* Lonnie Smith, Arnold Nagel, Fred Meyer, Jim Bennetts, Gary Haller, John Ludlam, Joe Jones.

Tom Douglas, Glenn Giles, Larry Lewis, Tom Gibson, Glen Downer and Mr. Gerald Decker presented the colors for Fruita at many special events.

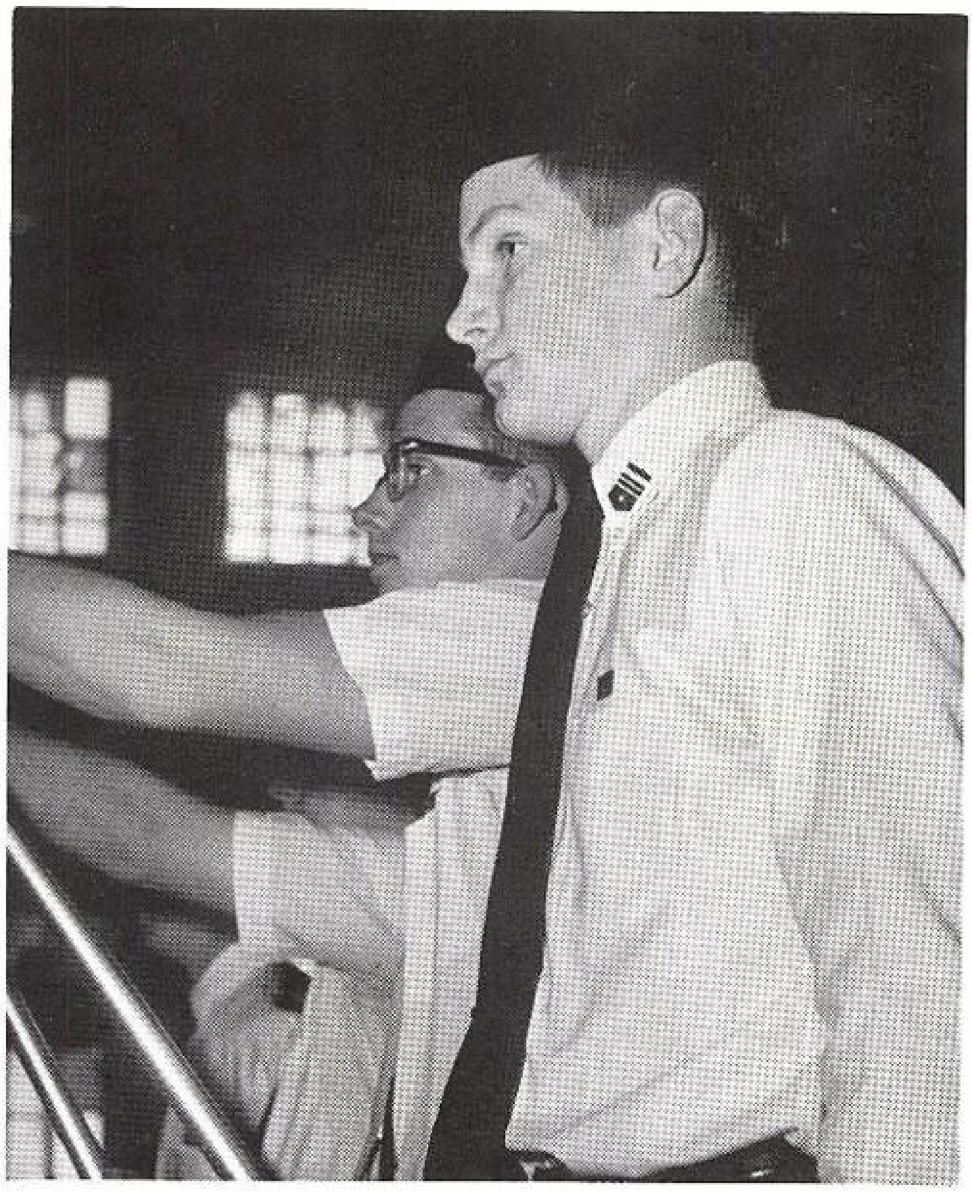
German Club Spoke About People, Places

German Club was neither devoted to planning parties nor giving meeting time to chit-chat. It was not a noisy group washing cars on Saturday mornings or baking cakes or sponsoring dances. Its sedate membership met regularly with Sponsor Gerald Decker to delve quietly into the German language, the customs and traditions of the German-speaking peoples. And clearly, although membership fell off somewhat in '69, club dues-payers were among Fruita's finest academic students seriously engaged in a worthwhile project which required no shoving, pulling or begging for participation. German Club devotees attended meetings, worked and learned because they found something important happening in room 100.



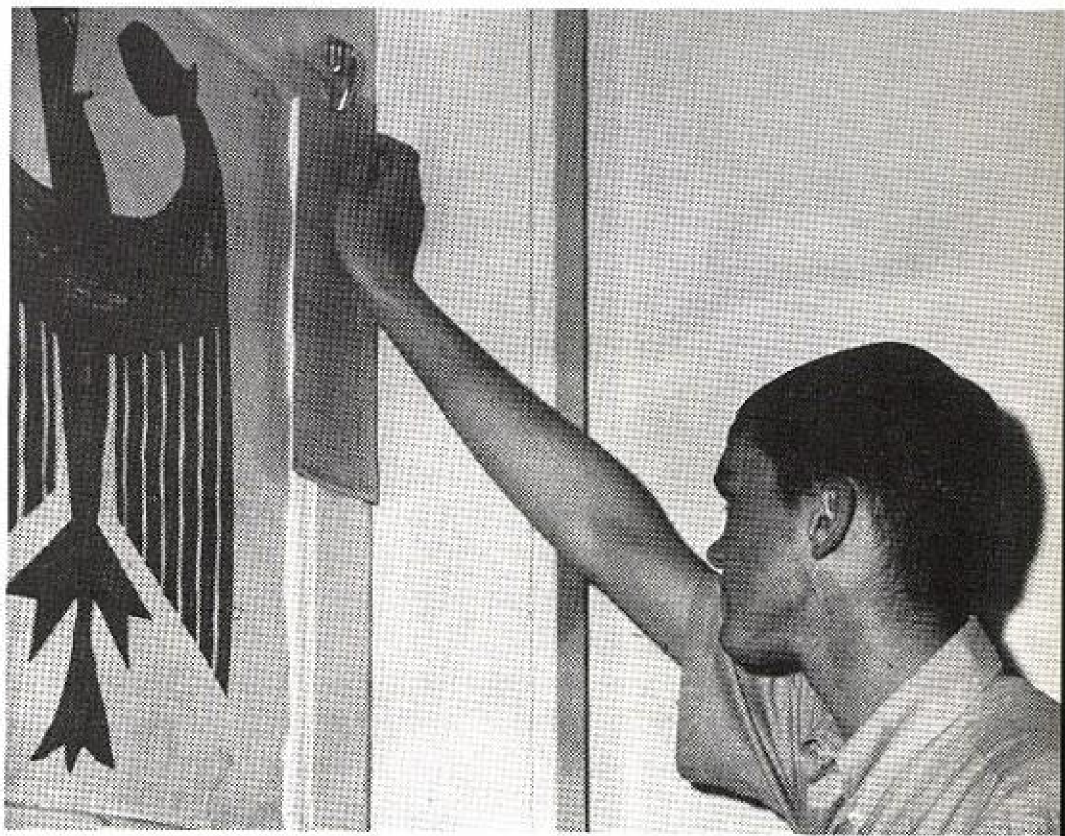
Steve Wassam and Terry Marinelli, right, top, were regulars; others included, second row, Robert Martin and Don Wynkoop, then Calvin Williams and Glenn Giles. At bottom, left, are Roger Mackey and Gene Miles.

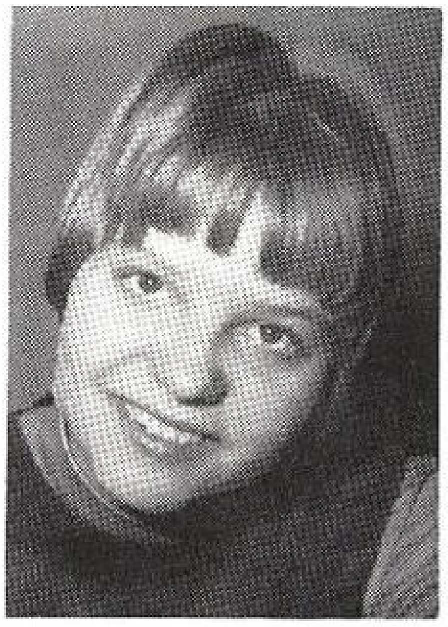
Larry Stutler headed up German Club as president; Kris Keith was vice-president and Paula Kochevar was secretary. Sheila Sewell planned the activities. Dave Jacquez, Frank Grant, Linda Kochevar, Robert Rooks, Mike Smith and Don Withrow also counted themselves as part of the organization.

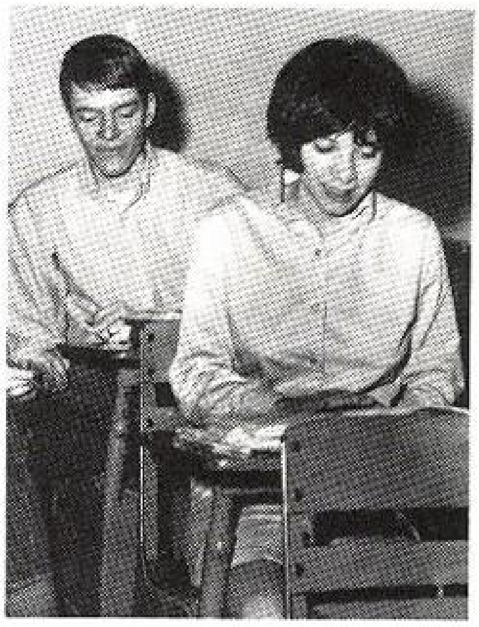


Moving the colors across the gym with dignity and with a precise military bearing, German Club's color guard was a credit to the organization in '69.

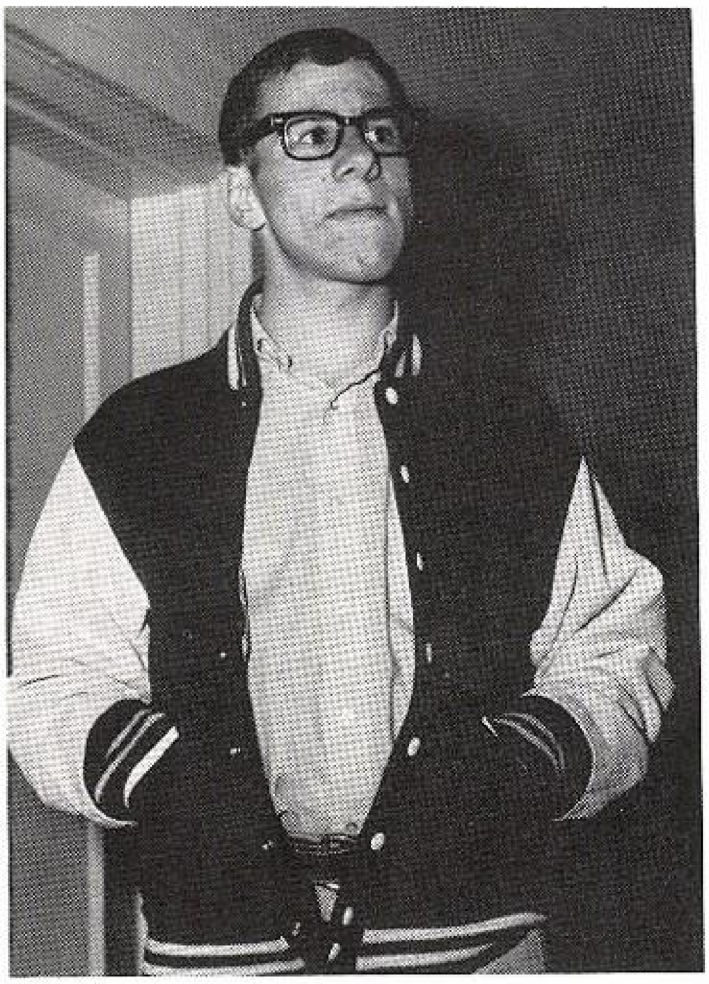
German Club's ranks, as always, boasted some of the finest scholars on campus. Below are Sid Elledge, then Julie Brown, Kris Keith, Doris Park, Larry Stutler and Paula Kochevar. At bottom are Karla Buniger, Bonnie Martin, Tom Gibson and Sheila Sewell, newly elected council officer.



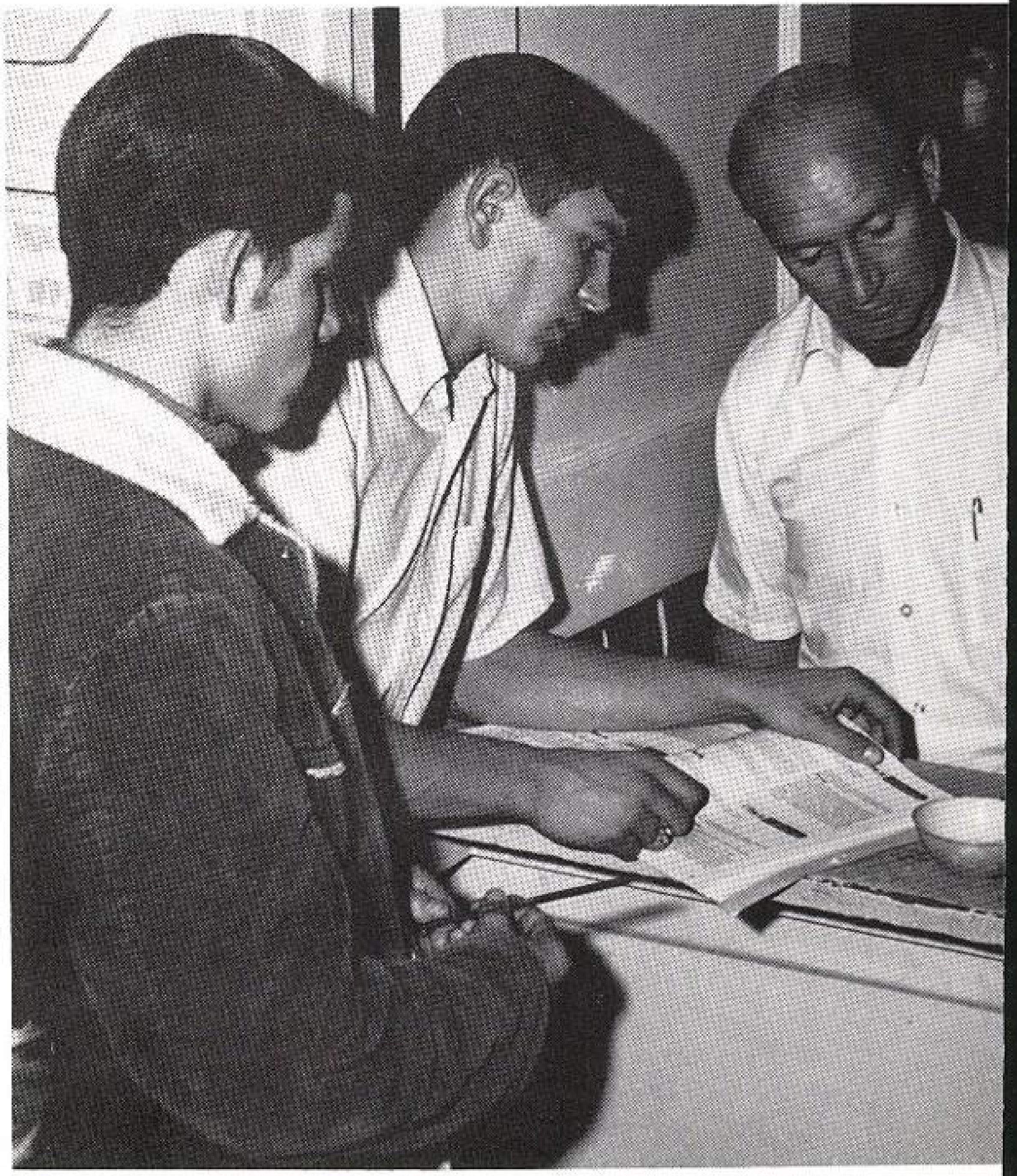




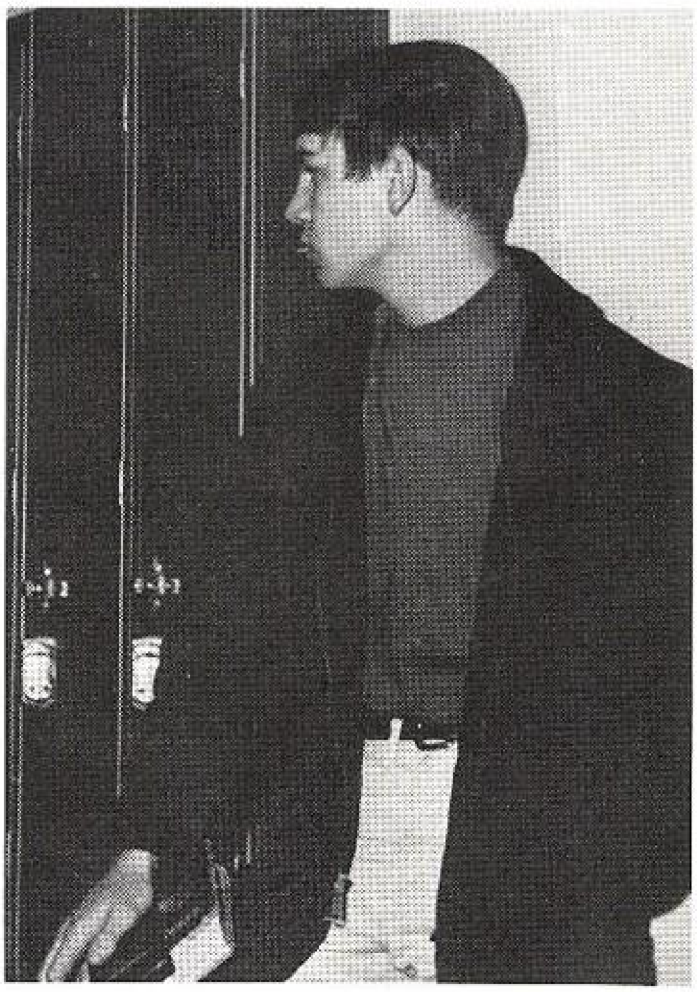
An Active Science Club Did Its Thing



Trying to preserve an air of informality in a strict world of science, club members met to test the sponsor's patience. Paced by President Mike Koenig, Vice-president Joe Orr and Secretary Mariam Mosher, Science Club members delved into football, ski conditions and physics problem number three. Science Club discovered an active ingredient missing from many other organizations on campus in '69; this was meaningful work during meetings. Sporting an impressive roster of members who did not attend sessions, the club's hard core made them a must.

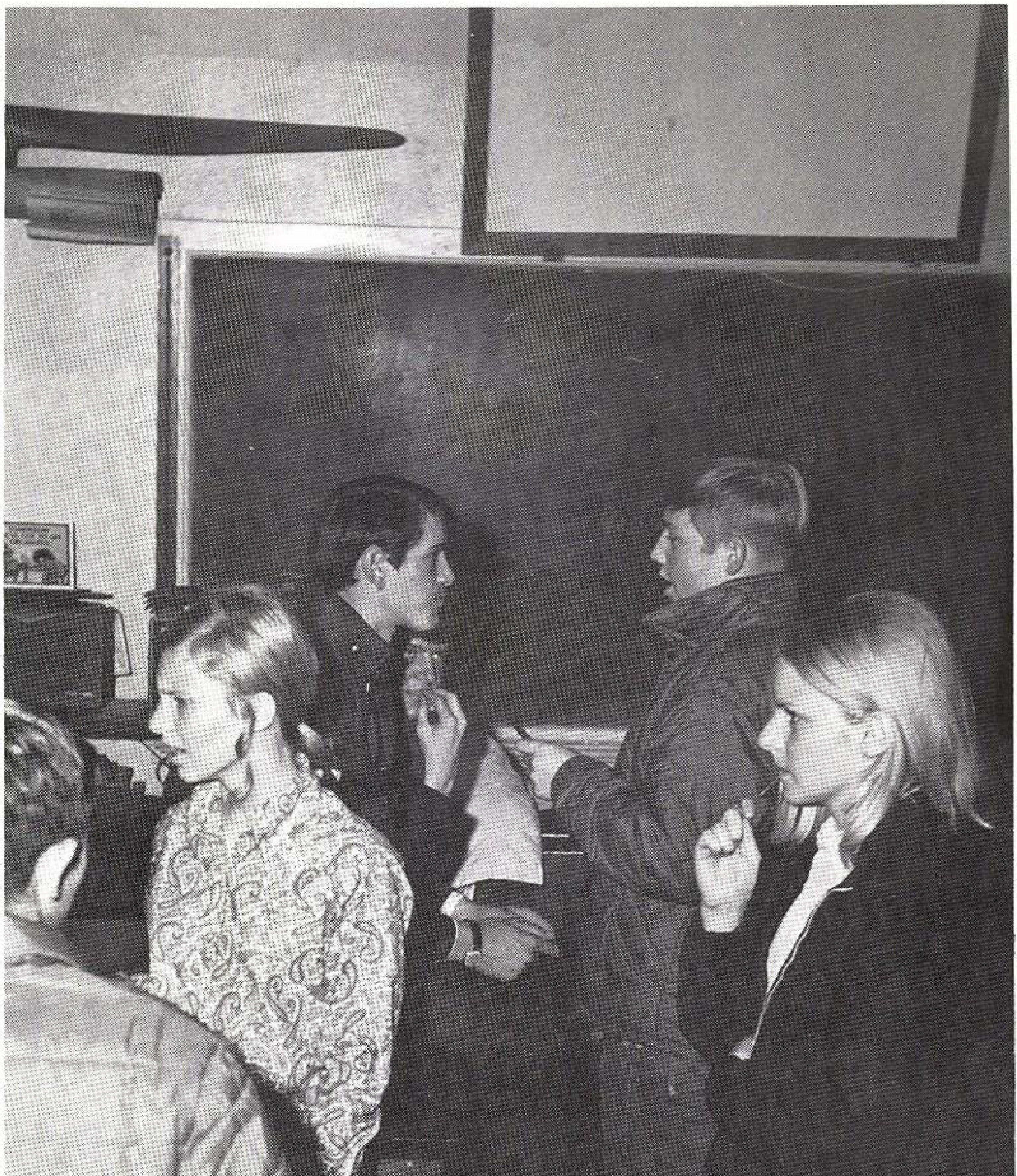


Meetings Proved to Be Real Gases



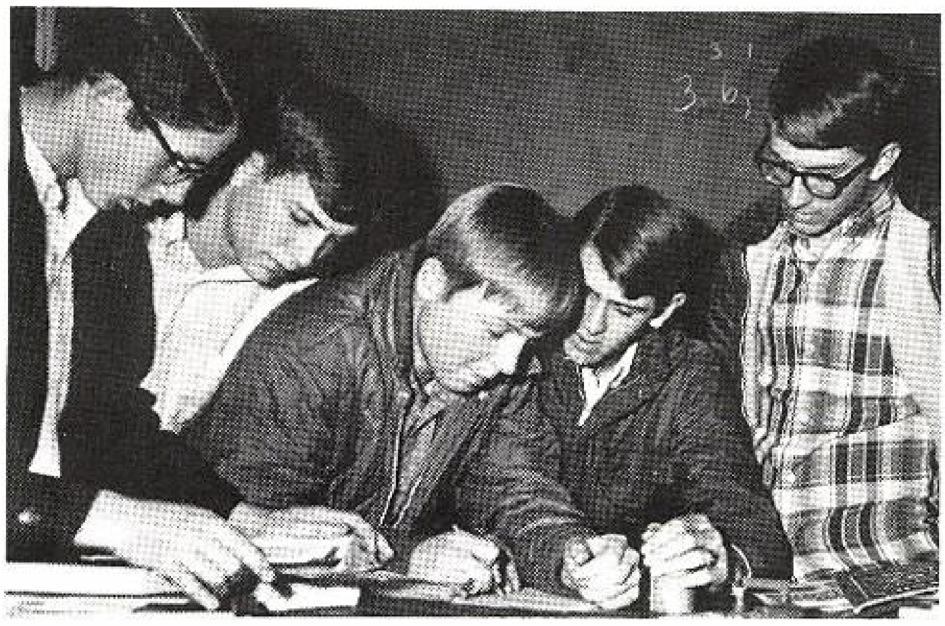
All-in-all, '69 was a gas for Science Club. At a concentrated fund-raiser — a bake sale — the club raked in $1.40. Then again, while Larry Stutler and Sherri Arbogast sipped citric acid, Gene Shaw sat at the edge of the group, aloof and distant for an entire meeting. And so it went. Above, far left, is Kent Tompkins; center left: Peggy Widegren, Nora Walton, Barbara Hickman and Bob Shaw; above: Becky Young and Lyn Cronk, then Joe Orr. At left, across center: Club Sponsor Mr. Jack Pollock with Chris Osborn and Joe Jones, then Kris Keith, Gene Shaw, Steve Hoback and Chris Osborn again.

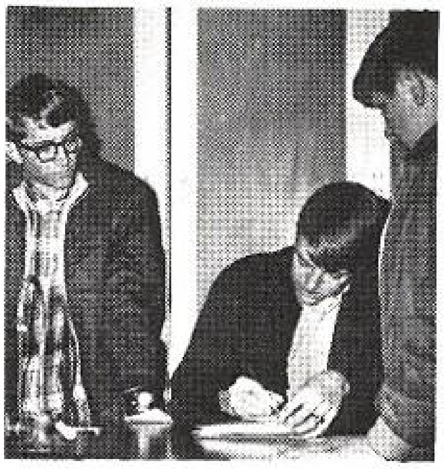
Think-Tank Meetings Followed Experiments

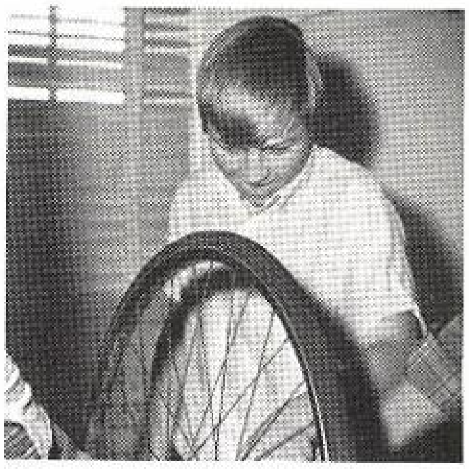


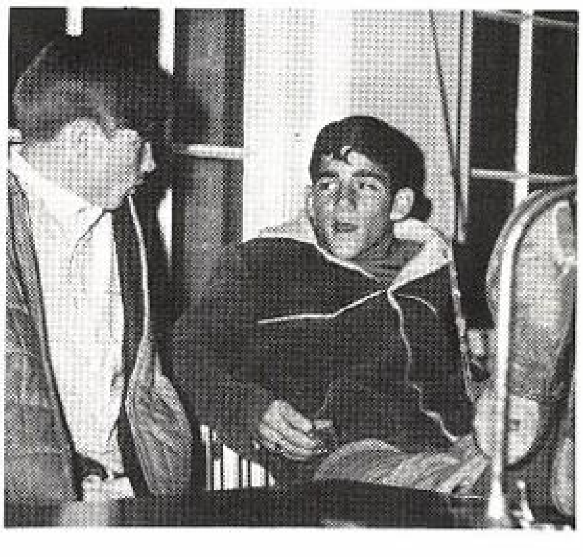
Science Club meetings never ended; they dissolved — slowly — as the groups broke up and went home. At right, Larry Reed, Becky Young, Tim Tomlinson, Larry Stutler, Gene Shaw and Lyn Cronk allow the catalyst, conversation, to slow and finally to stop. Then they all turned homeward.

Digging all those crazy bubbles, left, are Becky Young, Kent Tompkins and Lyn Cronk. Next are Les Smith and Sheryl Arbogast. Below, middle, are Mr. Jack Pollock, then Jackie Guccini and Linda Meinsen, followed by Tom Sommerville, Joe Jones, Gene Shaw, Tim Tomlinson and Mike Koenig. Sheryl Arbogast and Mickey Cox are next, then Mike Koenig, Larry Stutler and Jay Jones. Gene Shaw is at right of row three. At bottom, left, is Terry Marinelli, followed by Jay Jones, Joe Jones, Larry Quimby and Tom Sommerville. Steve Hoback and Chris Osborn continue their fun-fest.









Pretty Paraders Marched On and On . . .

Ellen McBride

Dorine Kettle

Sharlyn Allen

Georgia Garcia

Sheryl Downer

Diane Hull

Nancy Harper
Janis Moore

Joyce Bousman

Nourishing a pet belief that gridiro halftimes are heaven-sent for bands, bass profundo Bryan Beck negotiated his musi men into position at the end zone. And the waited. Drill Team had the spotlight Counting cadence, Drill Squad member pranced back and forth across the carpete green in their sequential splendor, each gi doing her own thing in a virtuoso display o oneupmanship. Minutes ticked by as th blue and white swirls turned, tacked ove the arena. Then a cheer rose; Bryan Bec bowed and prepared the band to march – but too late. Halftime was over; the sho had been stolen.

Senior Joann Jacquez, above, left, shared Drill Leader honors with Lennie Rich for most of the season. Mrs. Dolores Moyer, tireless sponsor of the mod marchers is above, right. At immediate left are Patty Crespin and Bonnie Martin. Drill Team performed at all home football games and at winter meets.

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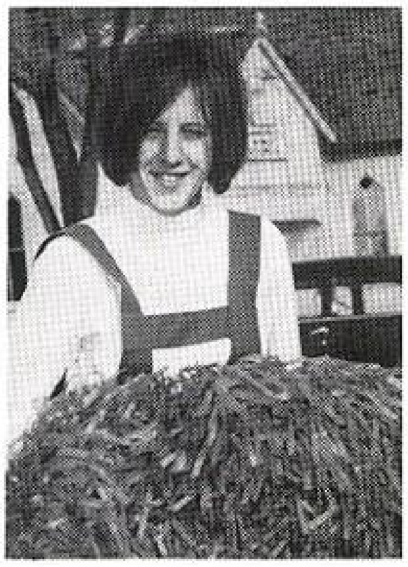
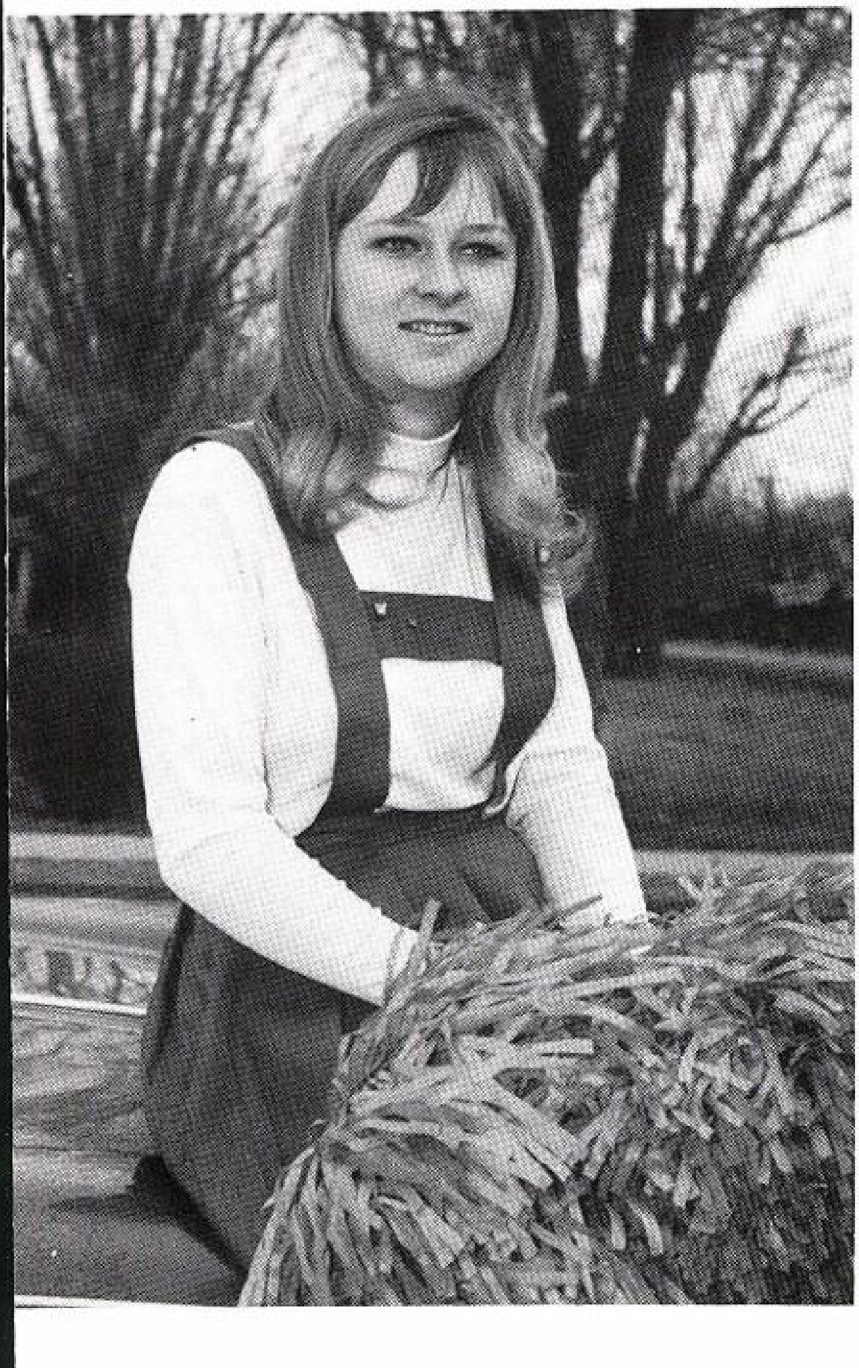


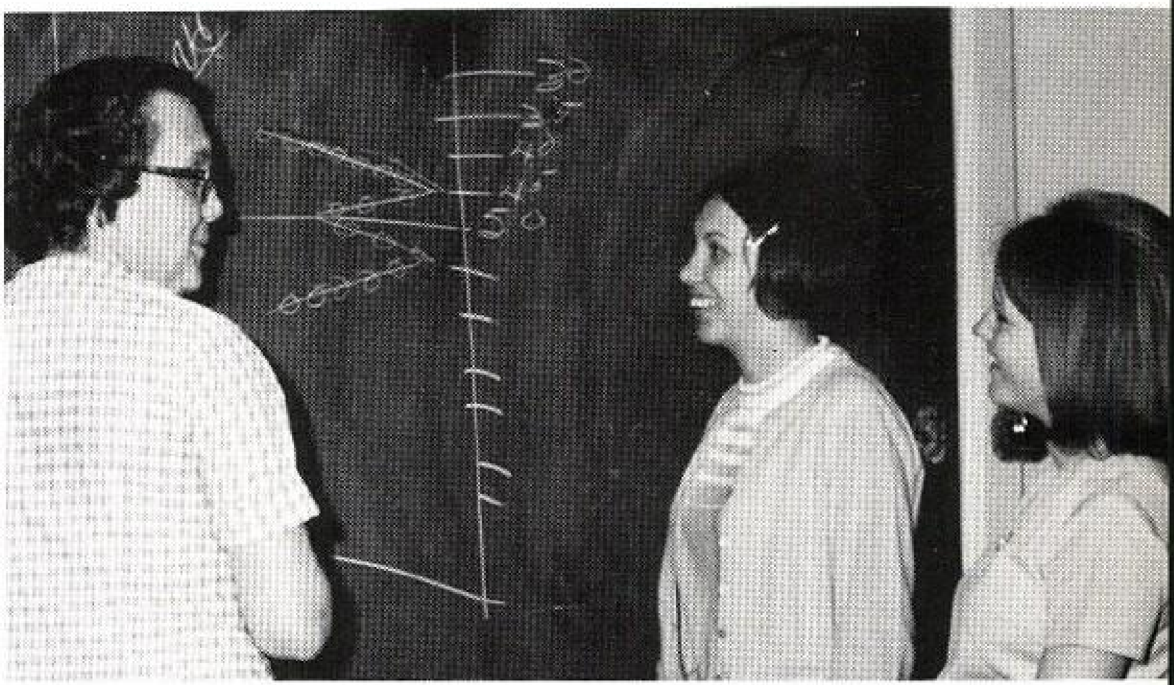
Nancy Harper
Sarah Roundtree

Janis Moore
Gail Burwell



Linda Benson
Anna Vigil

Judy LaMar
Mariam Mosher



Although Drill Team flunked the test at telling time, and followed a circumspect route to notoriety, its pageantry was passing fair. Members put body and soles into their practice sessions to provide rare entertainment at athletic events. Drill Team paraded the colors with style. Above are Mrs. Dolores Moyer, Nancy Harper and Janis Moore.

Drill Leader Lennie Rich, left, remained placid and pretty under fire from Bandsmen, radio announcers and sundry critics. In truth, Drill Team followed the leader with patent relish.

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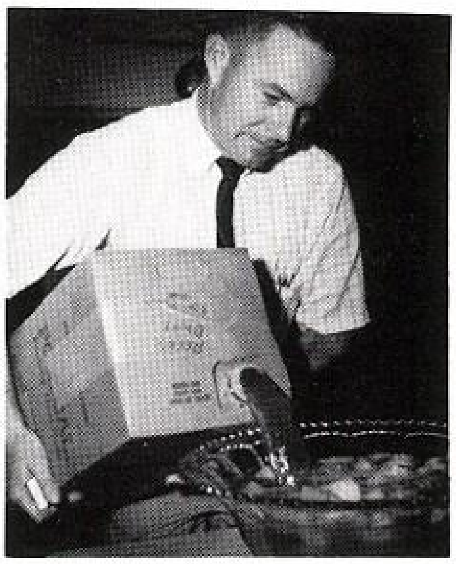
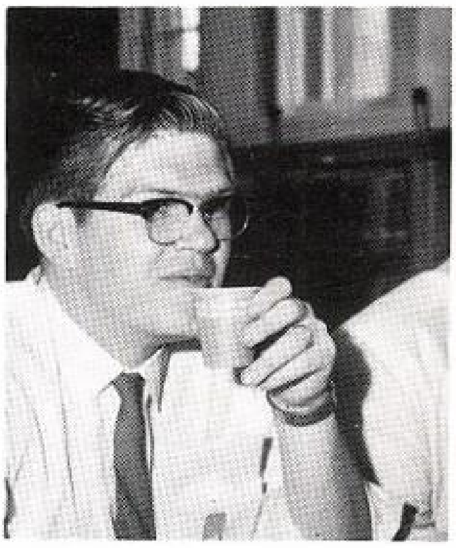
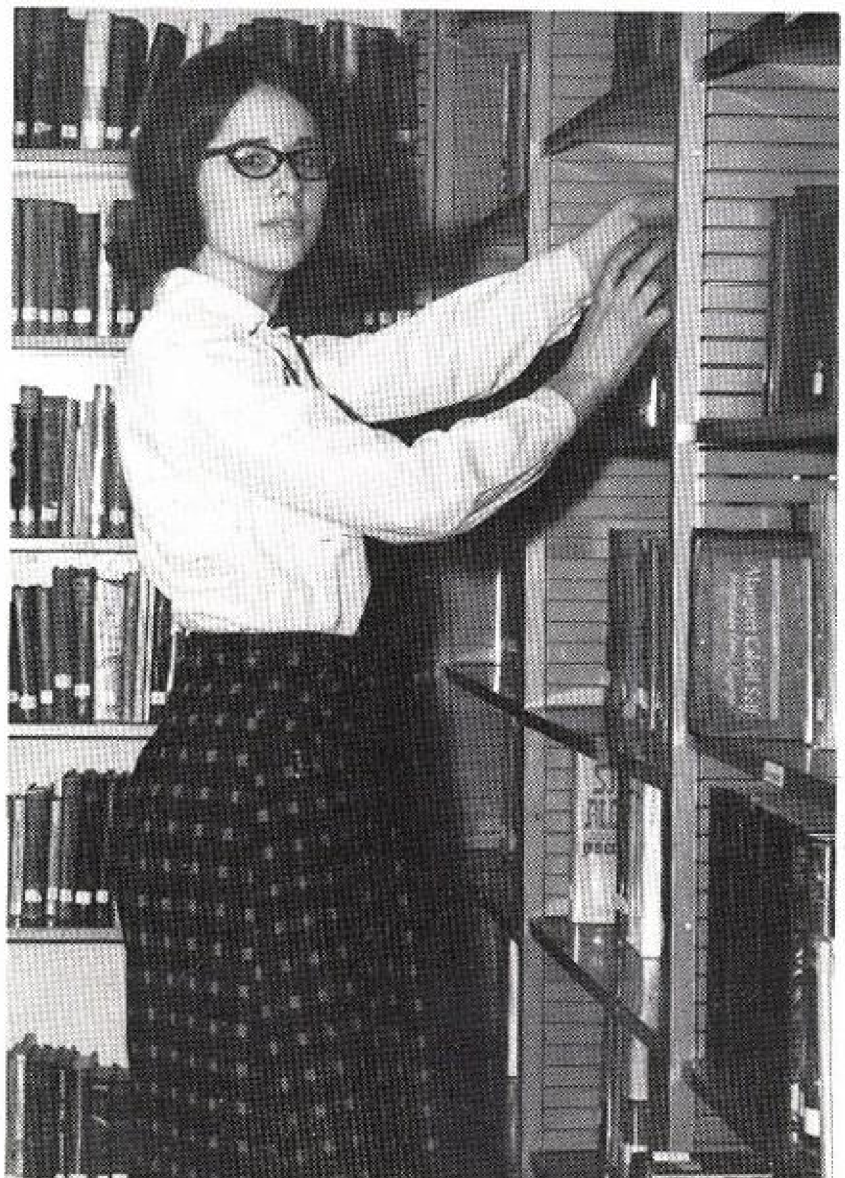
Michele Thistle
Treasurer





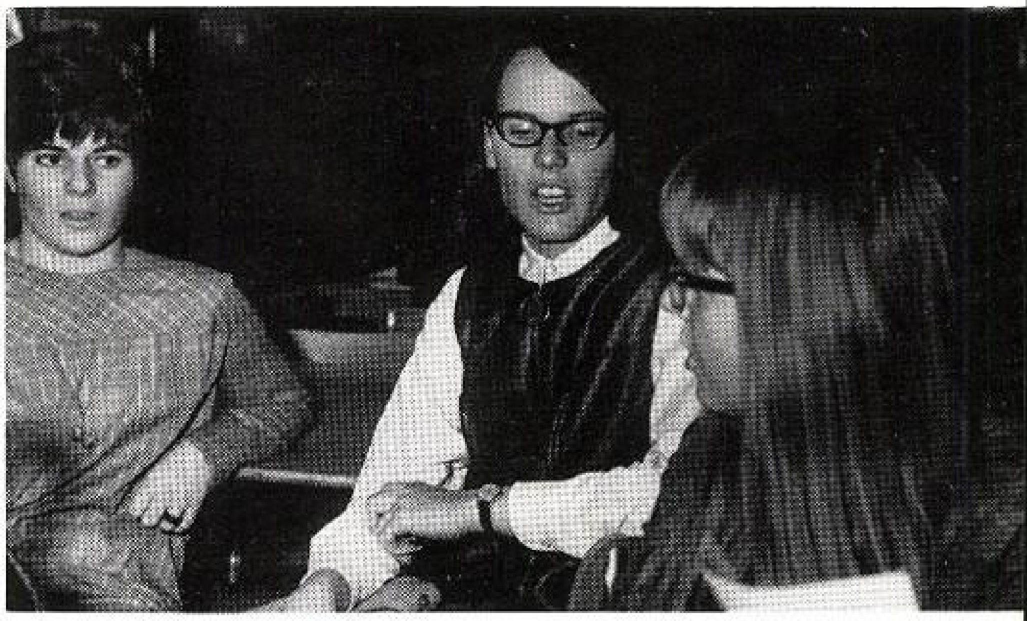
Hoping that Wildcats would acquire gilt by association, President Cheryl Lorimer and Library Club members took their activities beyond intra-club bookishness to stimulate good reading among others. Sponsoring the popular Book Fair again in '69, the club was pleased with the flurry of buying in paper backs.

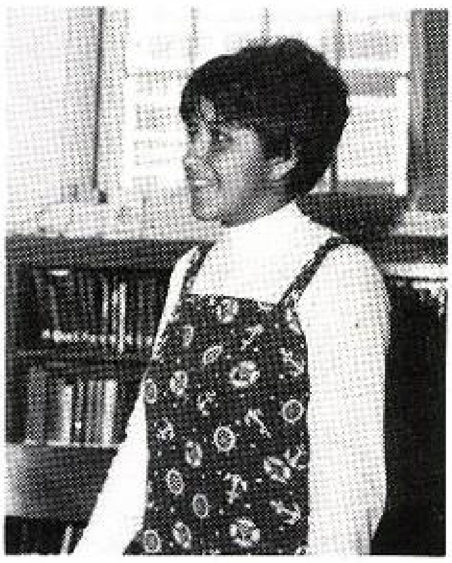
Many of the club members like Ellen McBride, right, served FHS as library assistants. The library sponsored an art poster contest to depict book titles, experimented with taped music, allowed quiet conversation, and did not ask students to check school books and coats at the door. In short, the library was a friendly place to visit and to know.



Library Club Sang *Meet Me At the Book Fair*

Sparkling punch rippled into a crystal bowl (Mr. Charles Reicks poured), and cake light enough to float attracted the faculty to Library Club's end-of-the-year finishing touch. Decorated in club colors of blue and gold, the cake disappeared as quickly as books from the shelves. For in '69 something good happened to the center for learning at FHS. Reflected in Library Club activities, the new atmosphere was the talk of students throughout school. Credit rightly went to Mr. Reicks.





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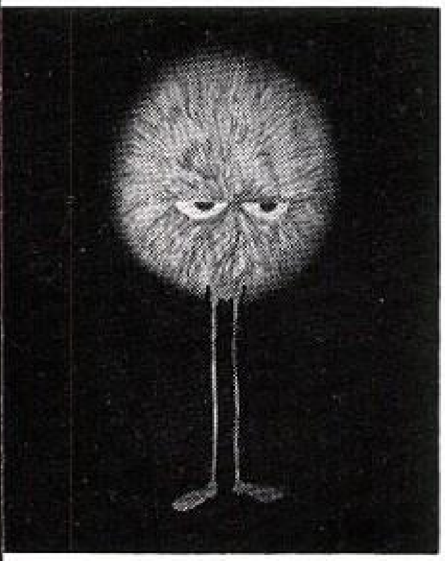

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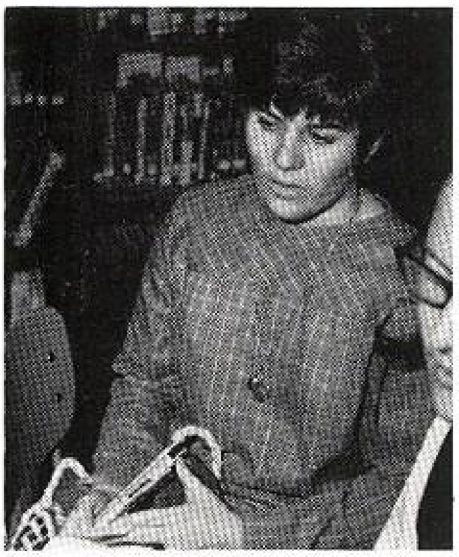

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Mr. Robert Watts
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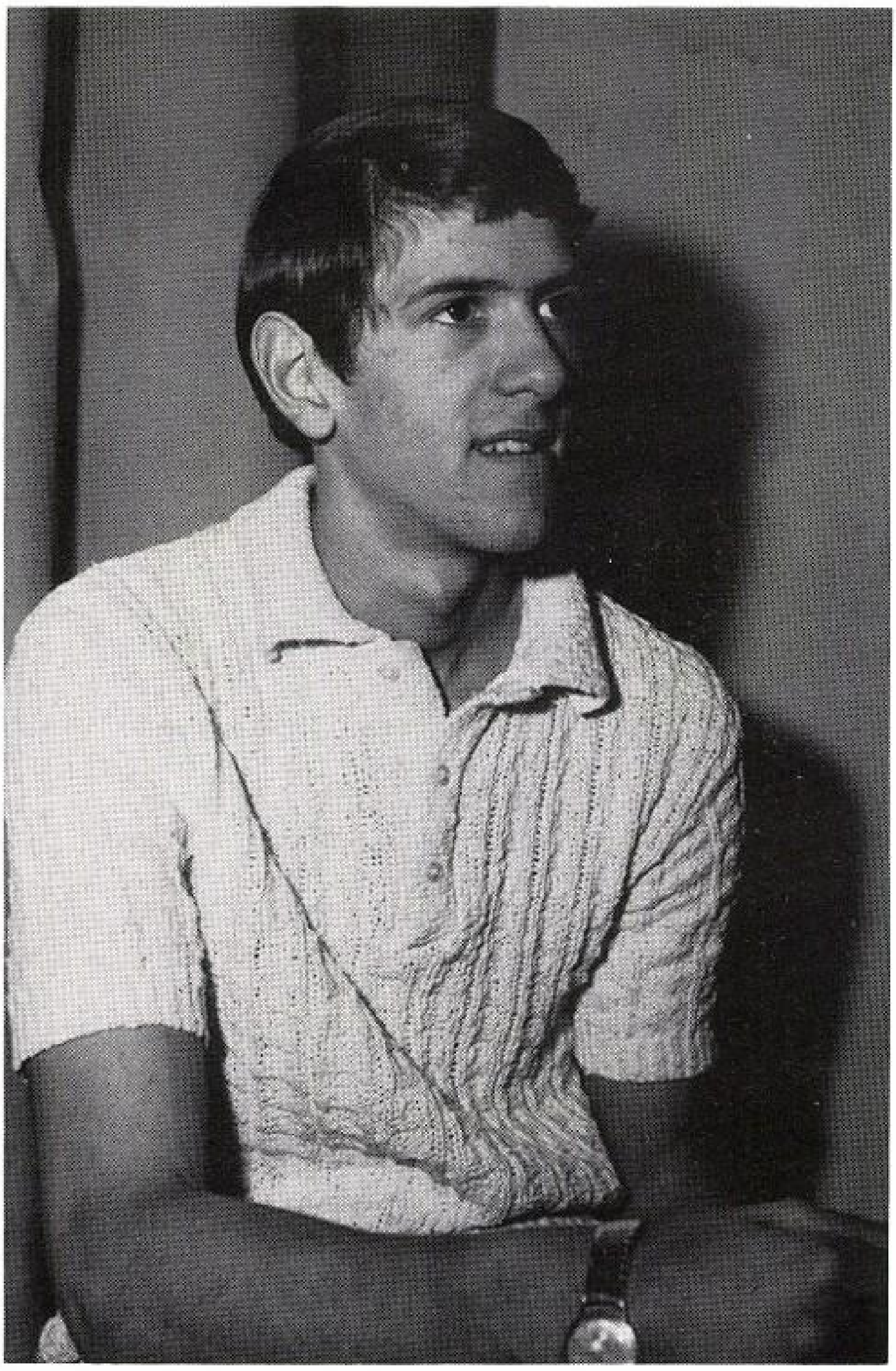
Donna Ray,
Martha Cary

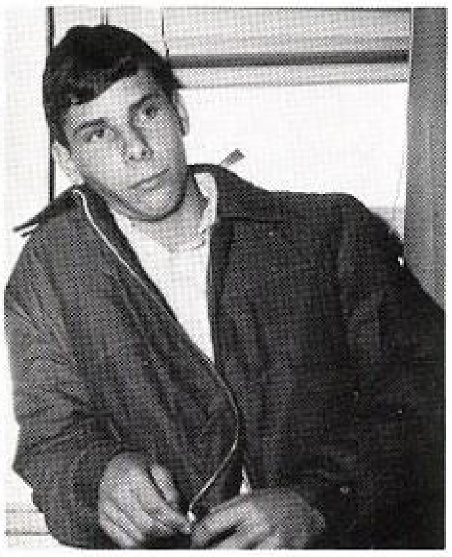
French Club Noels Brightened Patients

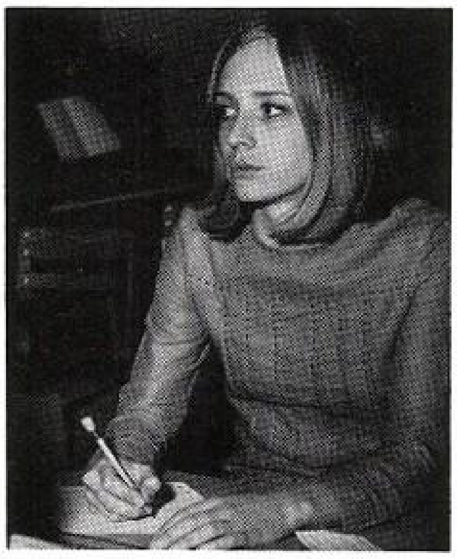
Miss Barbara Meeker, who spoke the universal language of a sincere, sparkling smile, re-organized French Club into a three-dimensional program with a zing. Illustrating that a group as mundane-sounding as French Club can swing with a lilt, the modish members raffishly set out to make the scene — in French. The club's Christmas party was a smashing bash which became a laugh-in at Jan Bristol's home. Nearly every member showed up with a guest. After hallelujahs and helpings of goodies, language students bundled up, motored to the hospital and sang yule carols to those confined over the season's brightest days. Not content to sit in meetings and ask, "What shall we do?" French Club did much and asked, "What did we learn?" Two speakers — Mrs. John Mazuka and Mr. Arnold Mountain — gave 'very interesting' presentations and slide shows to the receptive, go-go group.

Jan Bristol, right, spruces up the club bulletin board during a meeting. Open to any interested student enrolled in a French class, the organization's membership grew in '69. An end-of-the-year outing highlighted a season of accomplishment free of acid-etched bickering.



French Club boasted an officer corps rich in experience and leadership ability. Tim Tomlinson, left, served as president; Paul Kochevar, who was senior class president and headed up Young Democrats, was the club's stand-by prexy. Janet Rowe, below, held purse strings and Patty Maluy was secretary.





Miss Barbara Meeker
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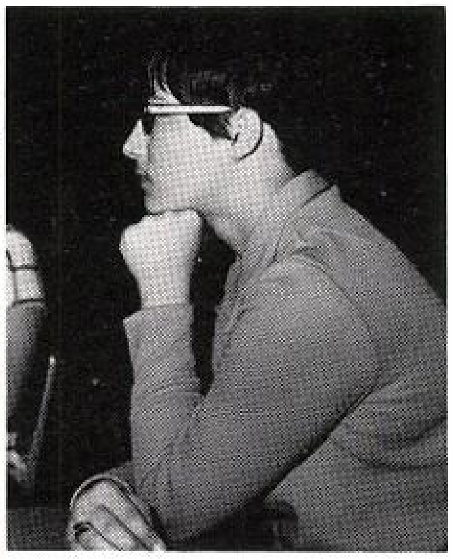
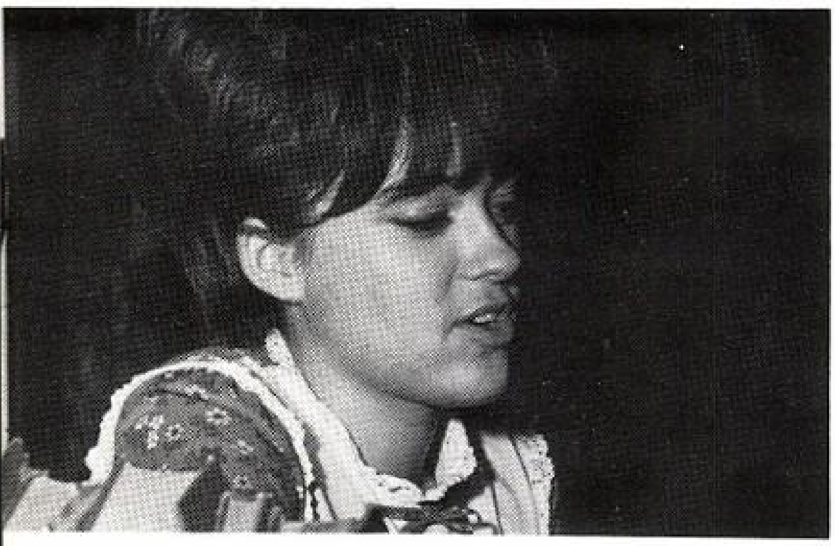
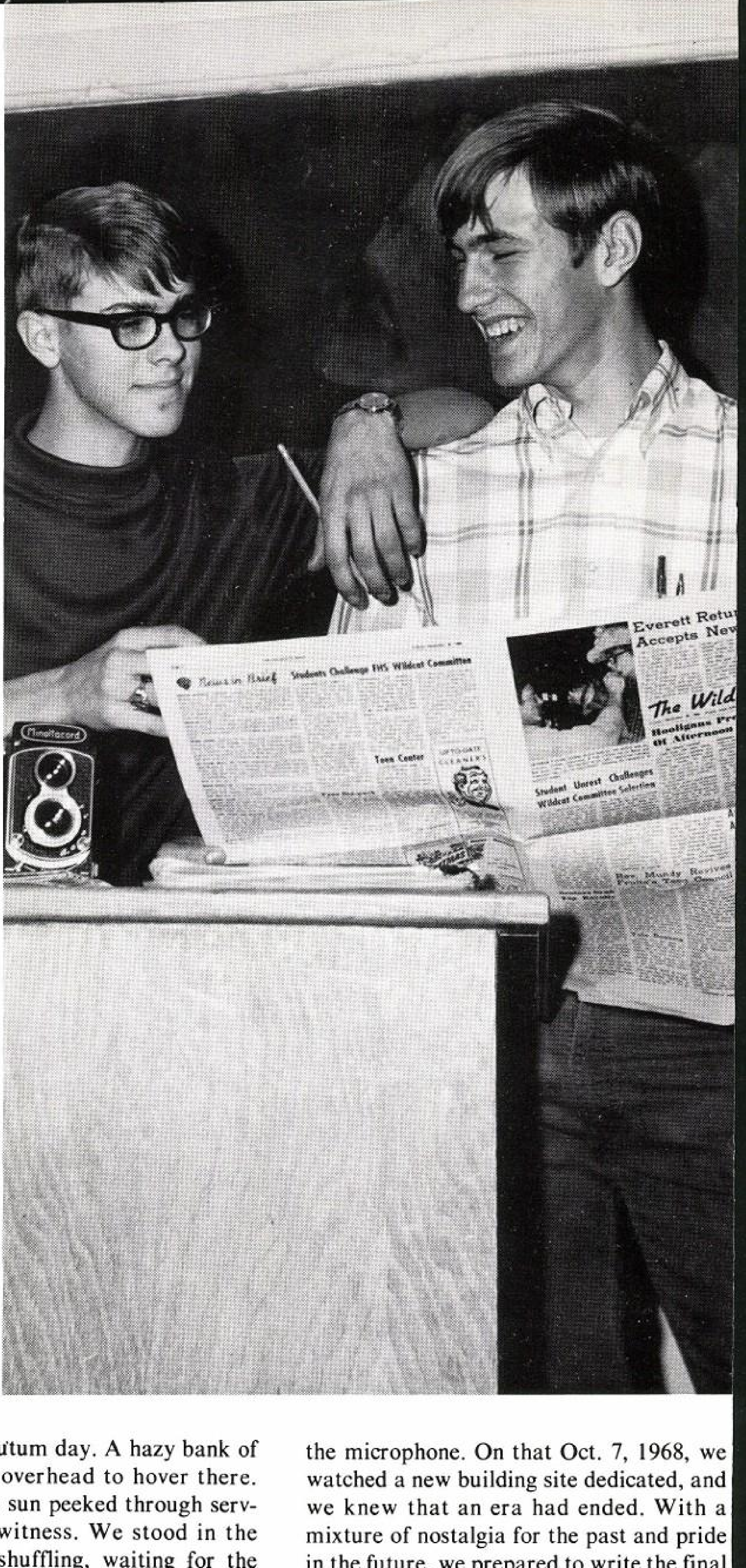


Jan Bristol
Della Rich
Karen Stanton
Eva Quest
Ronda Baldwin
Judy LaMar
Marty Wells
Lyn Cronk

Sports editor jovial John Silence and affable sidekick Bob Davis rode out a series of feverish athletic broils in which maverick teams sun-danced upredictably to unseat the favorites — only to bite the dust. Below are Kathy Marinelli and Aronda Greenhow, organization editors.

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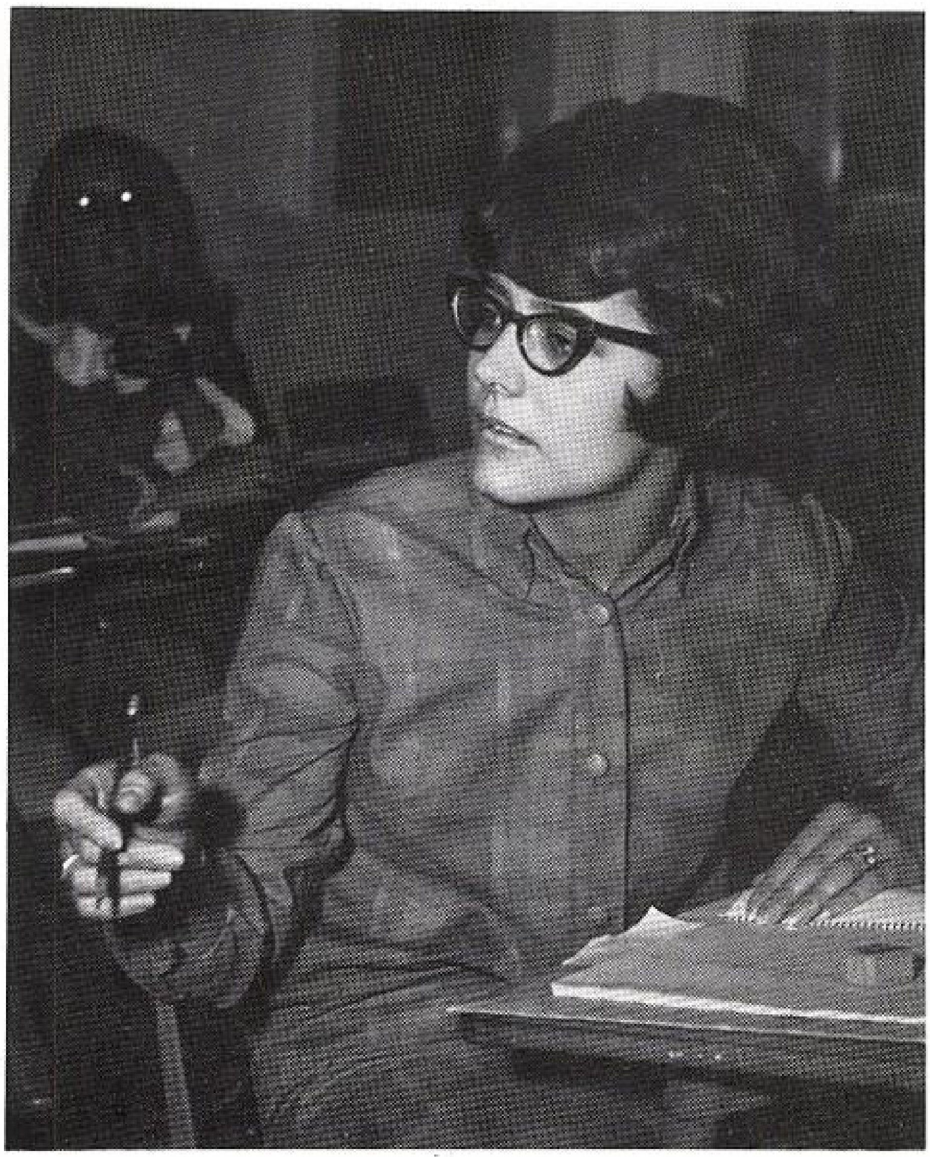
Lensmen Told It Like It Was In a History Penned in Pride

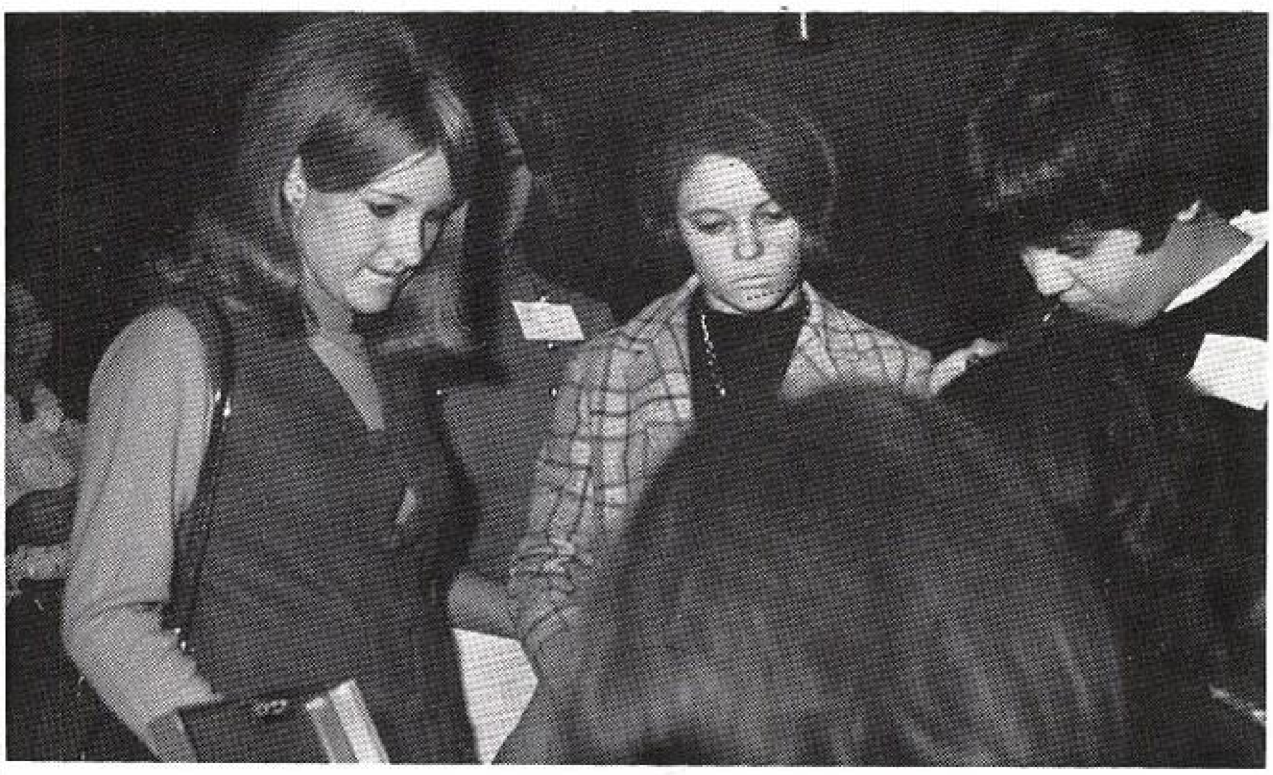
It was a burnt autum day. A hazy bank of clouds blew up overhead to hover there. Occasionally the sun peeked through serving as a silent witness. We stood in the mud-wet field, shuffling, waiting for the band to find its flag. Dignitaries and officials arrived with townspeople. Finally Principal Walden H. George stepped to the microphone. On that Oct. 7, 1968, we watched a new building site dedicated, and we knew that an era had ended. With a mixture of nostalgia for the past and pride in the future, we prepared to write the final chapter in a 30-year history. Our story of that year is the Final Touch.

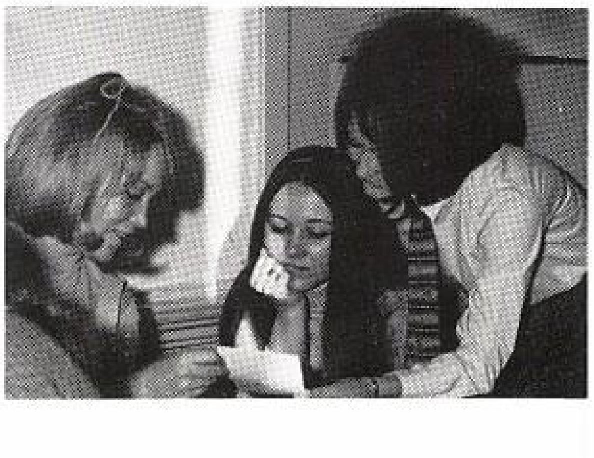


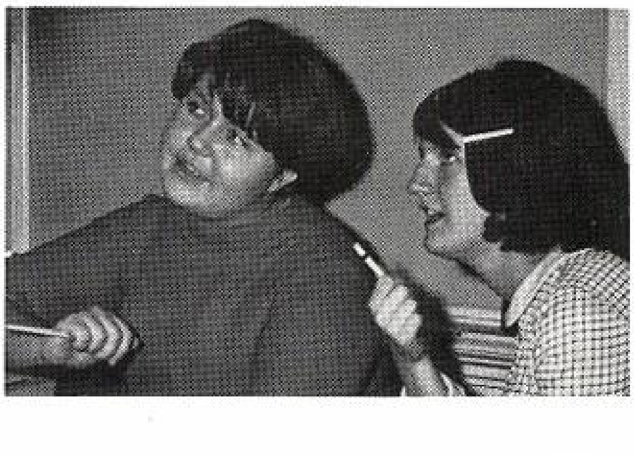
Camped just at the edge of time, Wildcat staff historians stood ready, camera in hand — along with lipstick, comb and Kleenex, soda pop, gum and books — as rich autumn days drifted by into winter, slowly, inexorably. While a new Fruita Monument High School took shape, a sense of charisma so inherent in old, familiar halls and classrooms seemingly made each finishing touch more significant, more fleeting. On film and verbal vignettes *'Cat* crews salvaged bits, pieces, sketches for a future day's remembrance of a golden year now gone.

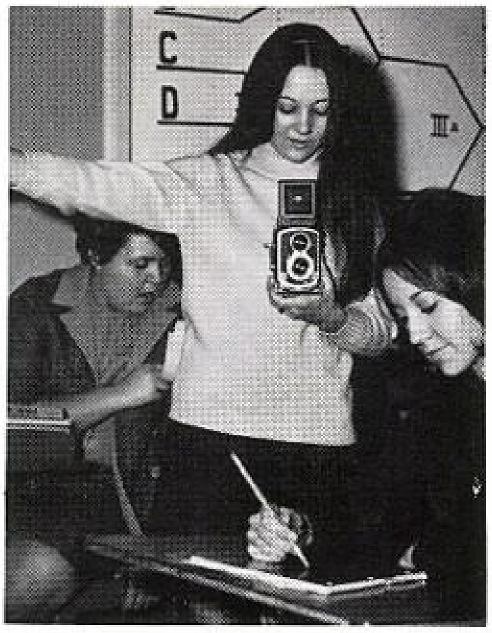
'Cat Chroniclers Polished-up A Golden Past

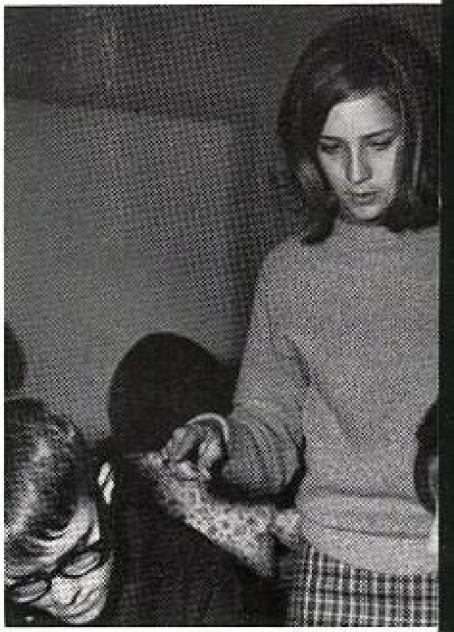
Veteran Editor Marilyn Richards, above, brought tested leadership experience to the preparation of these Wildcat annals. Below, Editor Donna Raff, Linda Davis, Carol Fry and Editor Jeanne Heiny register for a Mesa College-GJHS J-conference Oct. 12. And Subscriptions Manager Faye Kelley added another 'paid-up' name to her yearbook financial records. At bottom, *Wildcat* chief Mr. David Cromie hashes out a question with Junior Section Editor Gail Hampton. Burlena Musselman, Susie Withrow and Paulie Fugate try to identify an extra ear in a group photo while Michele Thistle and Favorites Editor Donna Dickerson chatted amiably as always.



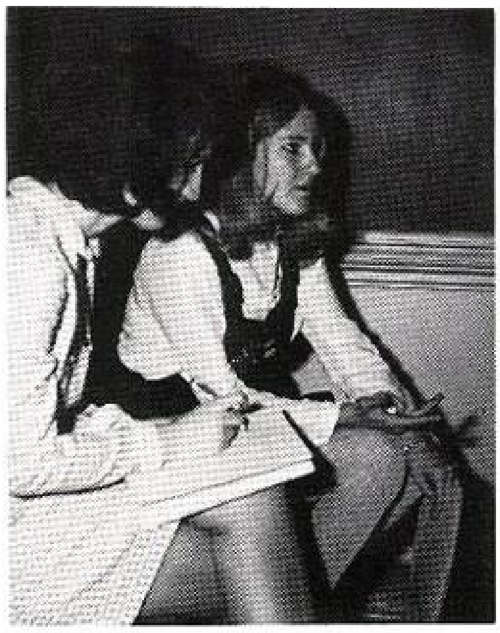


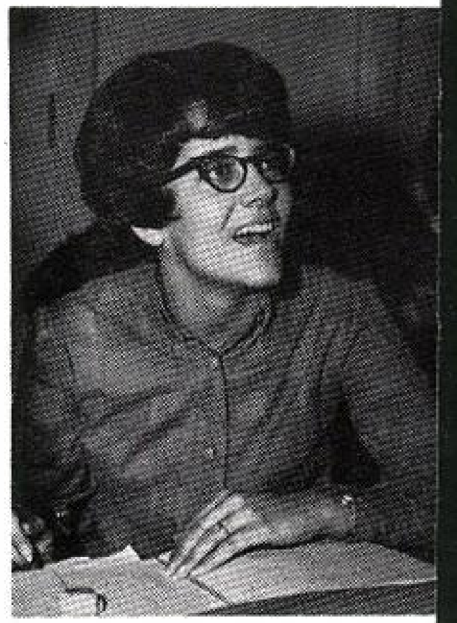






At Every Final Touch It Was Click and Go





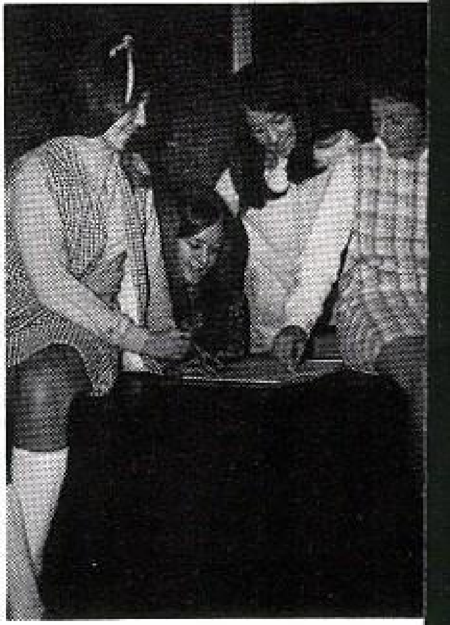
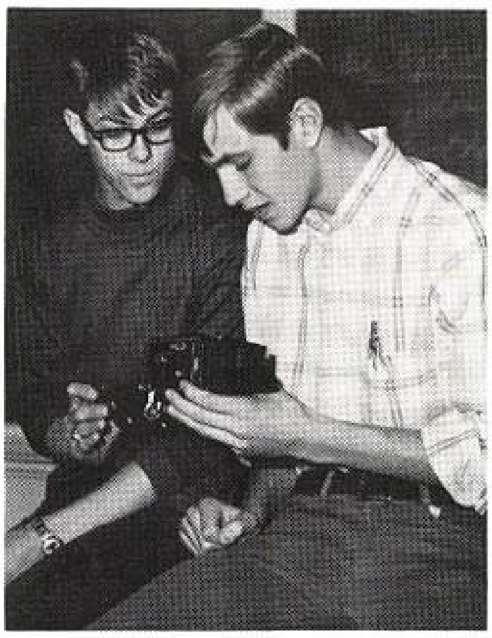


Photo-Journalists Traced An Anthology Of Finishing Touches

Burdened with an ungainly flash pack, a clumsy camera and a knack for knowing where the action was, *Wildcat* chroniclers set out to find a happening. Filming 'Cat episodes was only a small part of the job, however. And into the midnight hours newly baptized staff members sided with veterans to struggle with page and paragraph composition. Of all activities in a year of finishing touches, this task alone seemed to have no ending. For shutterbugs a fast focus was everything, and Susie Withrow, top row, was no slow lensman as academics editor. Kathy Marinelli edited the Science Club pages of the Bluebook; Bob Davis handled Spanish Club activities for the 'Cat tales record book, and Patty Maluy edited the trenchant activities.



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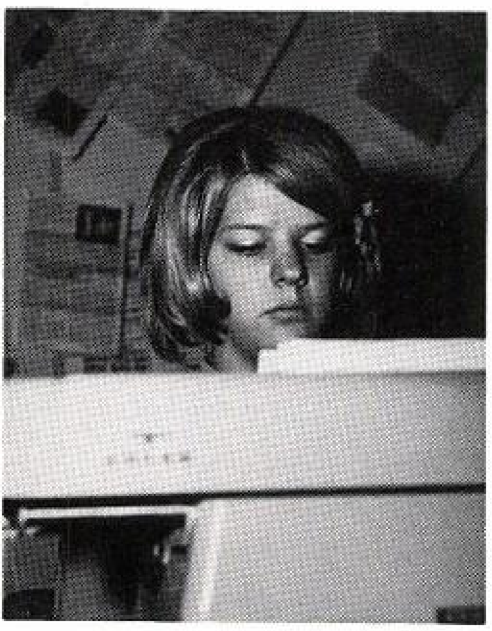
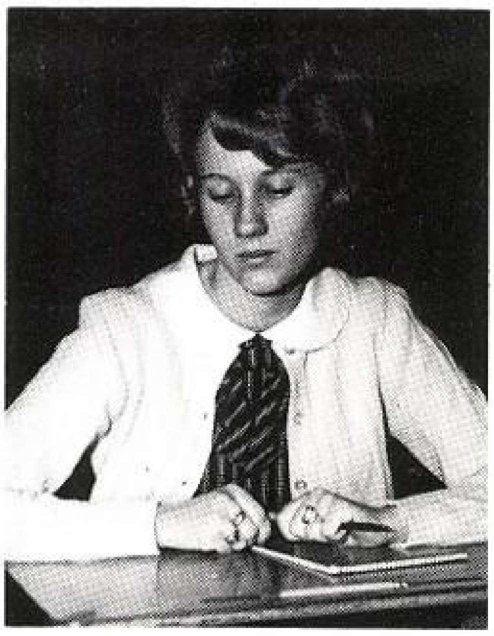
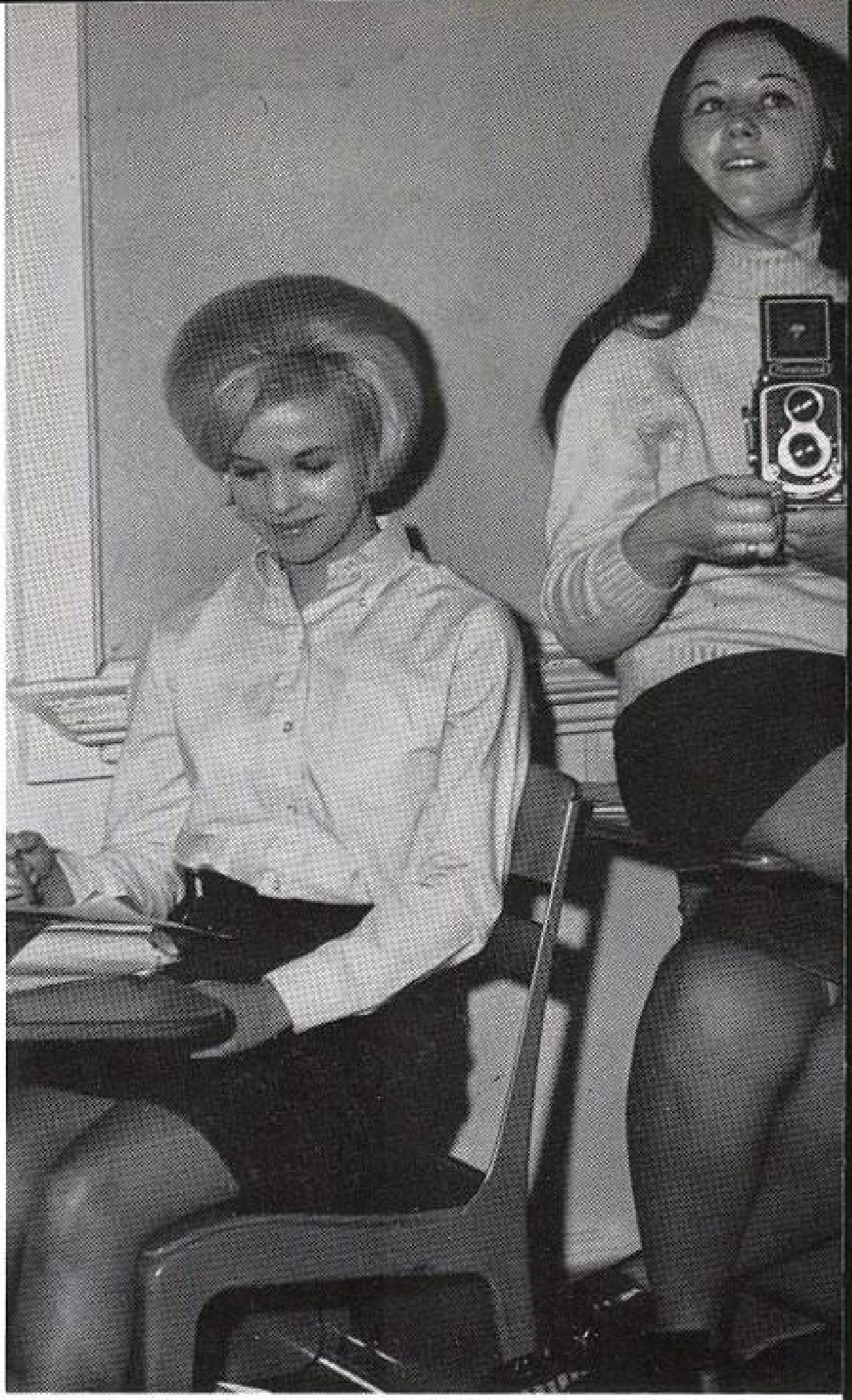




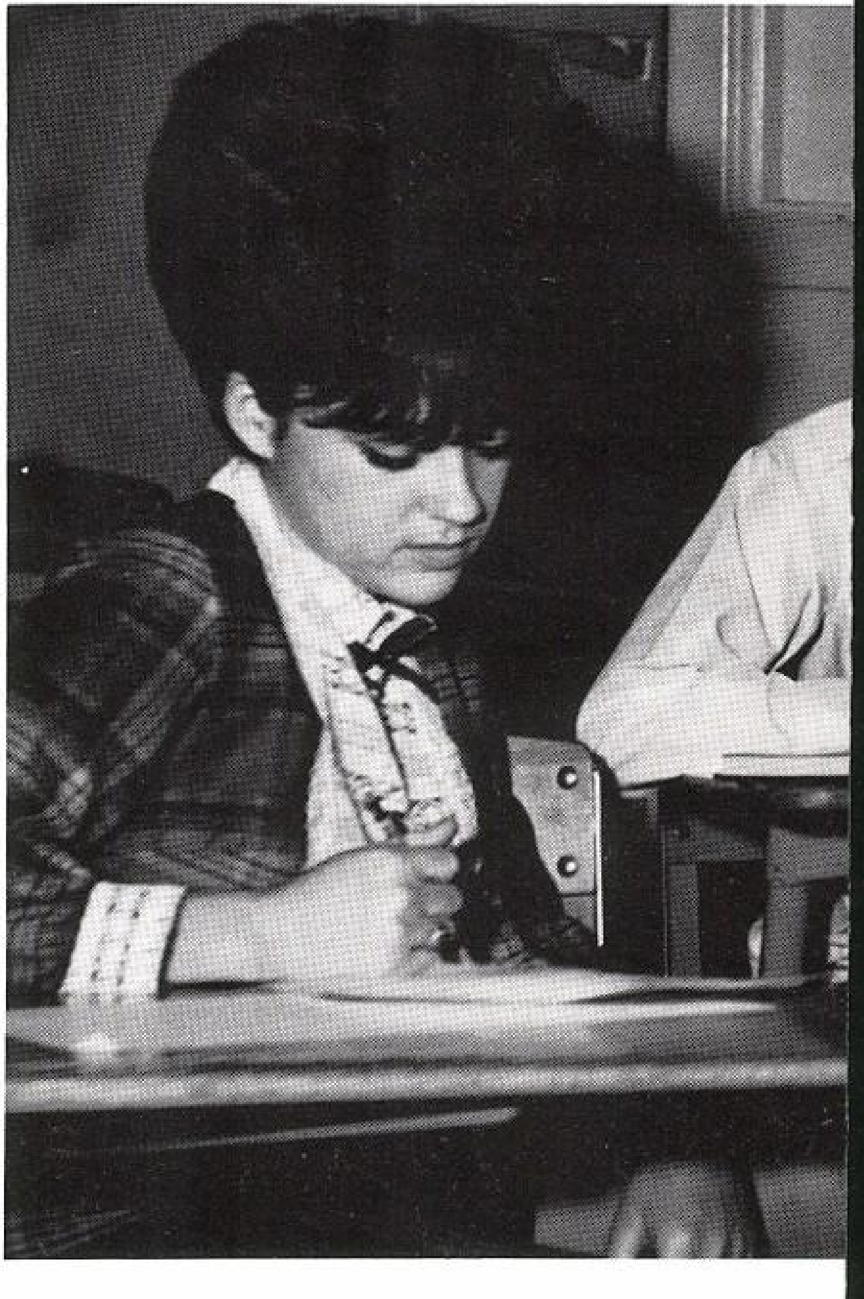
Sherry McLaughlin's Fourth Estate contribution was as a division page executive; good-humored Dianne Raff was always available, a cat's-paw to both the senior section and faculty pages. Gail Meinsen edited Student Council's memorable moments; Burlena Musselman captured German Club on Celluloid, and Bobbie Collins chased elusive cheerleaders for photo appointments. Bob Davis, a division page chief, also edited the Spanish Club notes. John Silence was the *'Cat* sports buff. In row two, opposite, is Favorites Editor Donna Dickerson with Chief Donna Raff. Next are Janette Clark, adroit senior editor whose forte was perseverance; Gail Hampton, commentator for the Class of '70; and Debbie Craig, who culled sophomore antics looking for history-making affairs involving the Class of '71. Following are Editor Marilyn Richards; Debbie Petross, TARs chief, and Sherryl Evers, responsible for Drill Team pages. Yvonne Bunnell gabs with Sherri Arbogast, Patty and Nancy Maluy at the Mesa College J-seminar. Michele Thistle was theme co-ordinator and copy editor. Bottom row, opposite, are Linda Davis, school life scribe; Chief Jeanne Heiny, Judy LaMar, Kathy Buhler and Joann Jacques, followed by Michele, Yvonne, Linda Meinsen, Wildcats editor; Geri Brach, National Honor Society historian; Geri Brach, National Honor Society historian; and Sherri Arbogast, division pages whip. Aronda Greenhow snapped French Club; next are Patty Maluy and Staff Artist JoAnn Barbee.

Happiness was an apple-cheeked editor named Heiny whose bubbly magnetism, subtle tact fostered a working sense of solidarity among *Wildcat* partisans. Demure Barb Hill, at right with Susie Withrow, nimbly stalked camera-shy mentors with a passive tenacity that made her a peerless editorial executive.



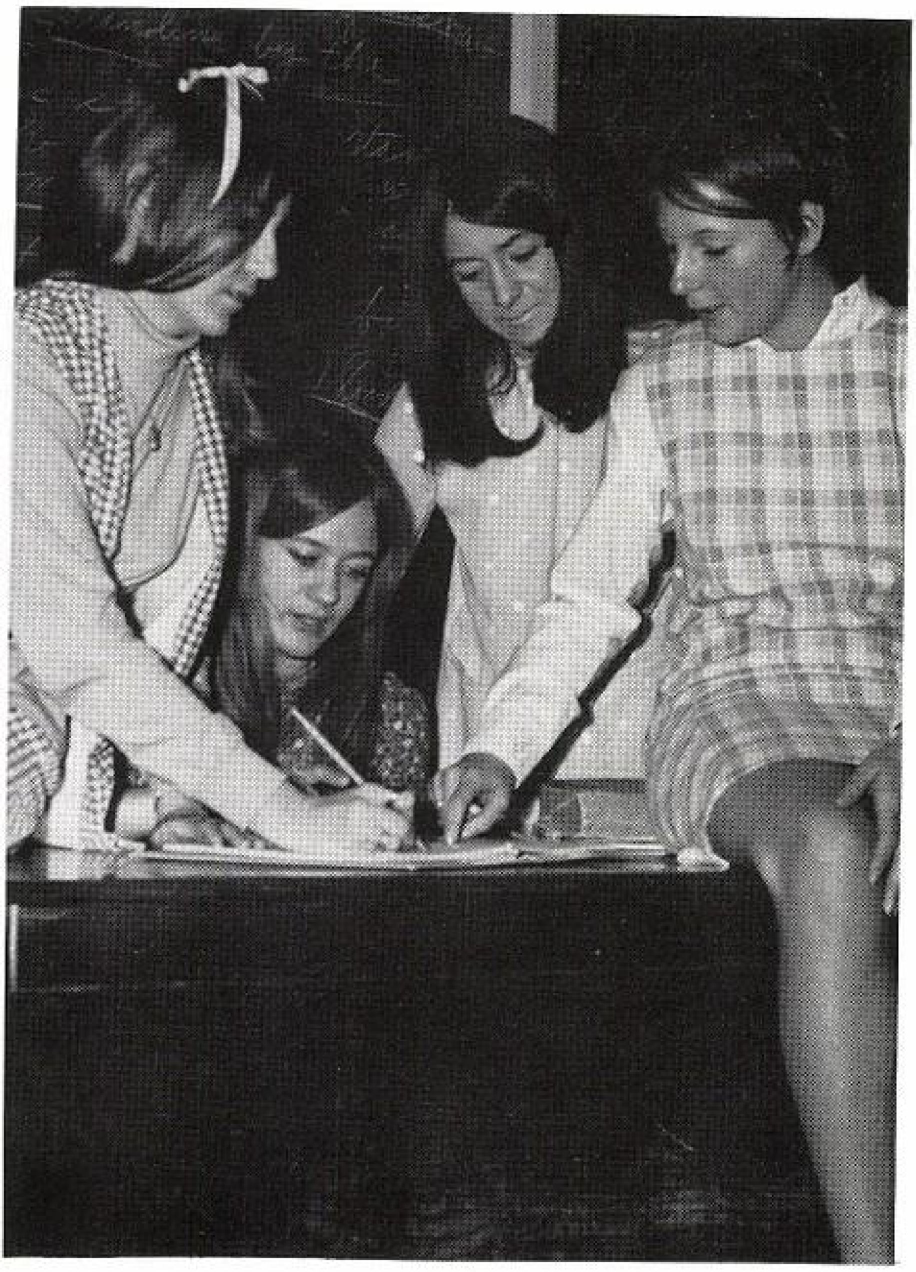
Subscriptions Manager Faye Kelley opted twice for her thankless job. Yet she dressed a routine assignment with a flair of devotion, and others followed suit. Toting two large books of contracts to every class (someone may have money), she was a quintessence of quality.

Kathy Marinelli, center right, haunted the science lab waiting for errant members to drop by for a photo. Paulie Fugate, who edited the school life pages with Linda Davis, won an offer to serve as editor-in-chief for the 1970 Bluebook of Wildcat exploits.



Bluebook Scribes Engraved 180 Days For Eternity

Fran Young, below, unruffled by a staggering commission to engineer coverage of all on-campus organizations, was directly responsible for a quarter of this '69 book of highlights. With a dozen sub-chiefs in her charge, Fran modestly and without rankle pushed every section to completion. At right, immediately below, are Favorites Editor Donna Dickerson with Editor-in-chief Donna Raff, both elite second-year journalists. At bottom right are Business Manager Yvonne Bunnell, whose job was to raise $5,000 in ad monies, with Linda Meinsen, Geri Brach and Sherri Arbogast. Yvonne's huge job was paramount!



After every party someone has to tidy up, so Spanish Club's Leora Valencia, Rosabell Sanchez and Evelyn Sanchez pitched in and made the task a joy. Although Spanish Club listed several fellows on its membership roster, the guys were not good at attending regularly scheduled meetings. Parties, yes, but the work-a-day business sessions, no. Members formulated plans for an end-of-the-year fete at one of Grand Junction's Spanish restaurants where 'hot' food was the coolest.

Spanish Club President Genevieve Martinez, below, enjoyed herself thoroughly at one of the organization's social affairs. Nancy Walters was the club's vice-president. Popular Rosabell Sanchez served as secretary for the group, and Leora Valencia, a go-go member active in many school functions, was treasurer in '69. Mrs. Karen Patterson once again devoted hours to sponsorship.

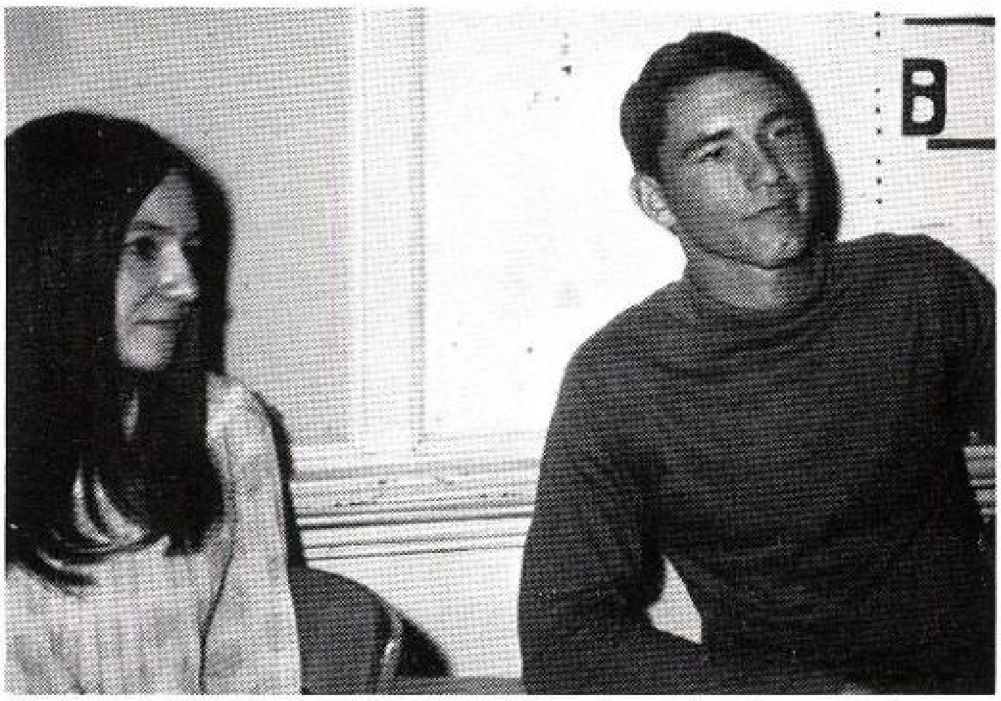
Beloved and highly respected by the members, Sponsor Mrs. Karen Patterson, right, worked with a passion to make Spanish Club an organization which would benefit its followers and at the same time enrich the total school picture. Other members included Vicki Marquez, Marie Serve, Ronnie Marquez, Glen Grespin, Larry Bond and Robert Garcia.

Spanish Club Improved Cultural Relations

Not content to stop with a cursory examination of a language and a shallow walk around the edge of the cultural sea which gives vitality to the tongue, Spanish Club's enlightened leadership aimed at a simple, direct approach to improving understanding between Spanish-Anglo groups on the local level. And the project was a huge success with real, tangible results as the reward. Spanish Club did much to bring people together.

Club members sponsored a Christmas party and ate a Mexican dinner at the Neighborhood Center; all 'Cats were invited to the latter. Spanish Club girls prepared the food. Thomas Groves, Joe Jones, Cheryl Lorimer, Gloria Radebaugh, above, right, were also members in good standing of the group.

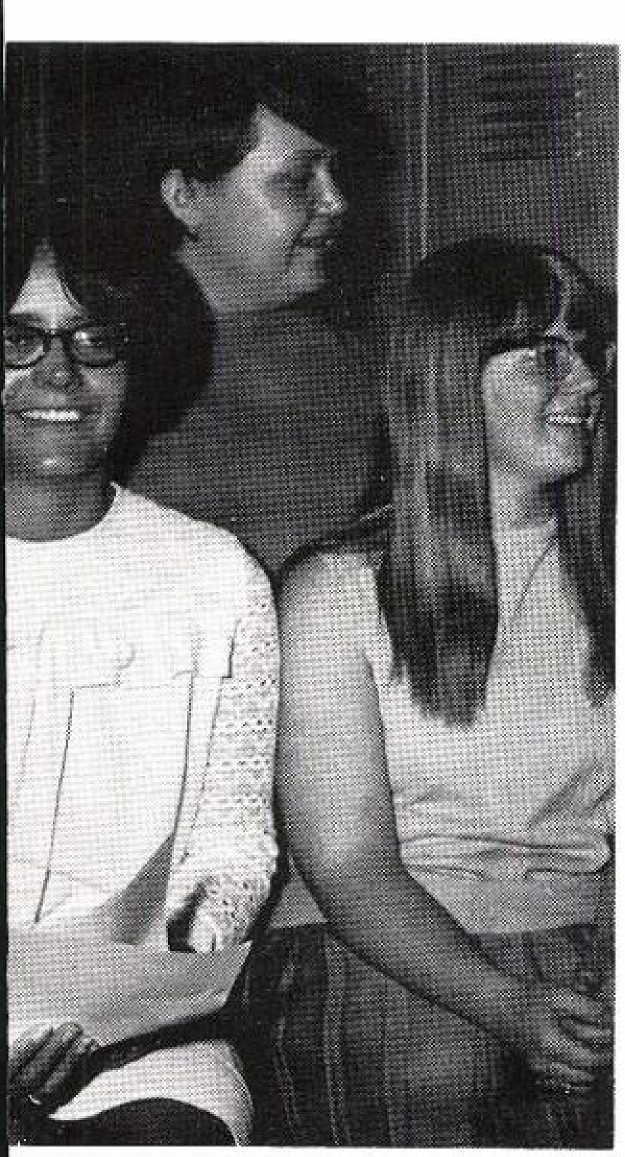
Talking about teaching was how FTA spent its get-togethers. Mr. Tom Rieniets and the fourteen-member group considered the rewards, the changes in methods and techniques, the pay of today's modern classroom teacher. Many within Fruita's FTA organization seriously pondered such a career after college, and FTA gave them an opportunity early to discover that the golden career is, indeed, stimulating, creative and highly demanding. More than any other discovery, most impressively driven home was the fact that having once been a student does not make one a teacher by changing chairs in a schoolroom. Teaching is a skill.



Geri Brach and Verlan Goss, above, center, listen to a lecture at an FTA meeting. Several guest speakers enlightened Future Teachers with topical discussions of career rewards and pitfalls. Above are Michele Thistle and Cheryl Lorimer; at left is Leslie Salthouse with Cheryl once again.

Fourteen Wildcats signed up in '69 to consider a career in the classroom. Future Teachers of America at Fruita has always been one of the down-to-business clubs. Opposite are members Cheryl Lorimer and Kent Tompkins finding fun in the classroom.

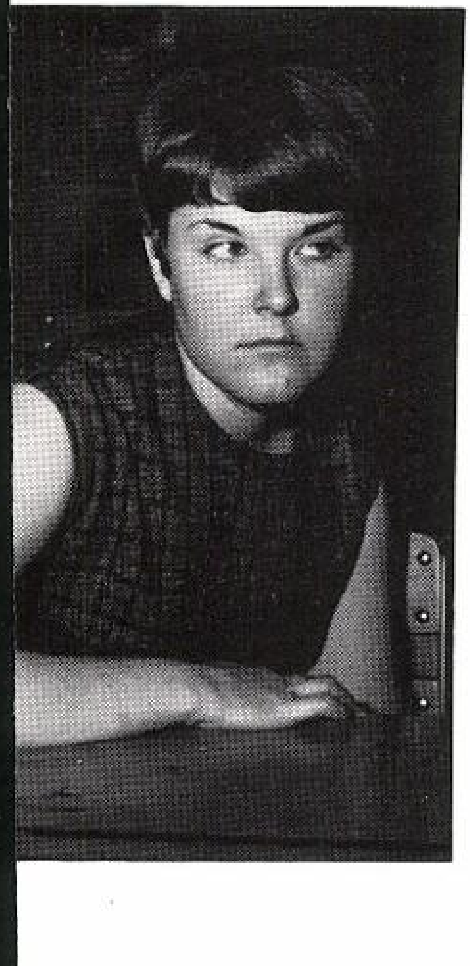
Future Teachers Considered A Career

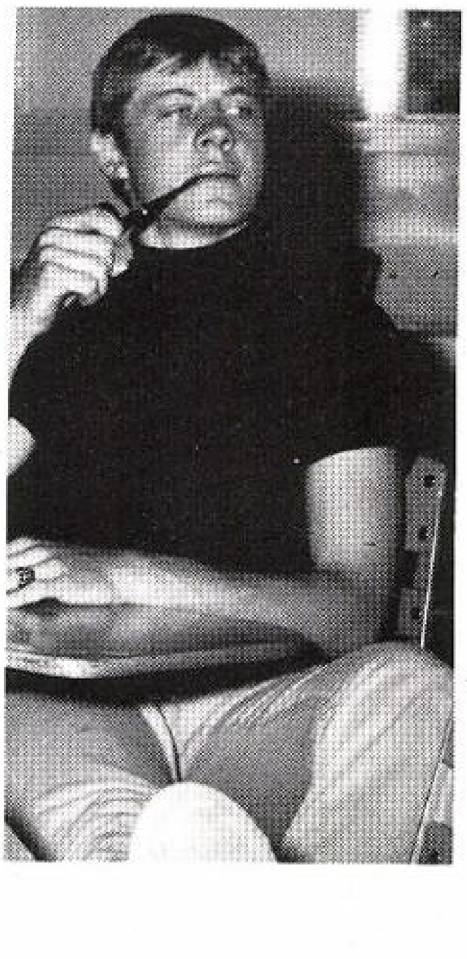


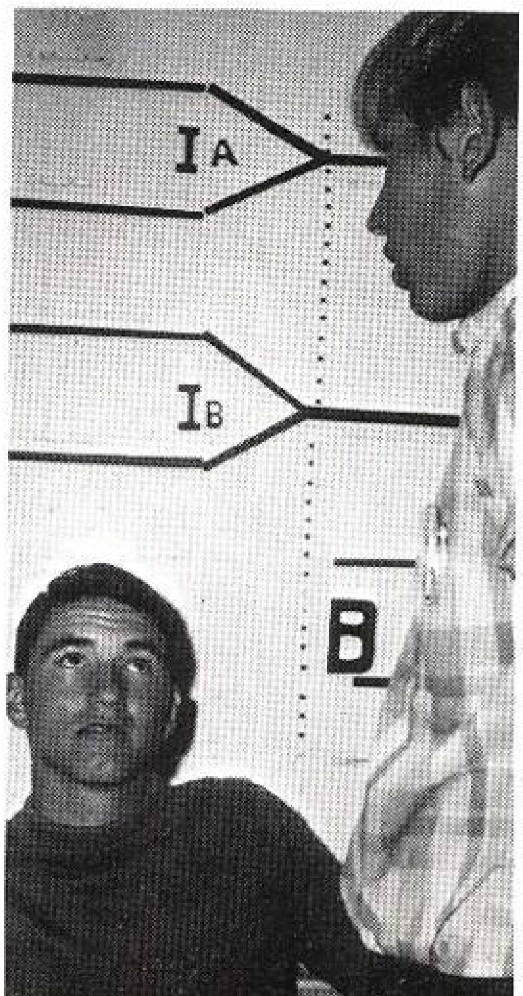
Marilyn Richards, far left, was vice-president of FTA; Michele Thistle was the points chairman and Kathy Mason served as the club's duly elected historian.

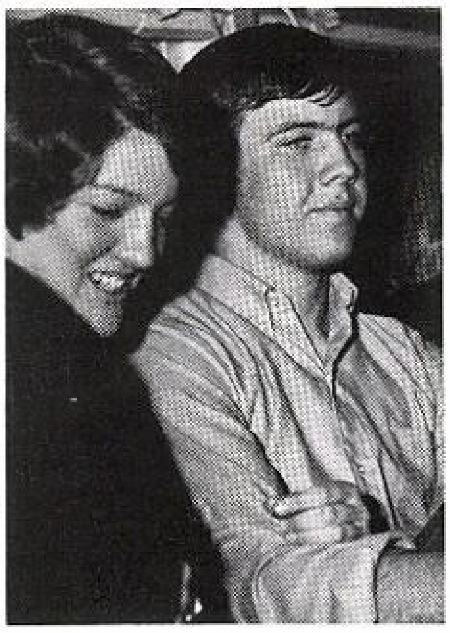
JoAdair Welch, immediate left, provided exceptional leadership as organization president in '69; Janet Siddens, active in many a 'Cat doin', also held the post of secretary for Future Teachers.

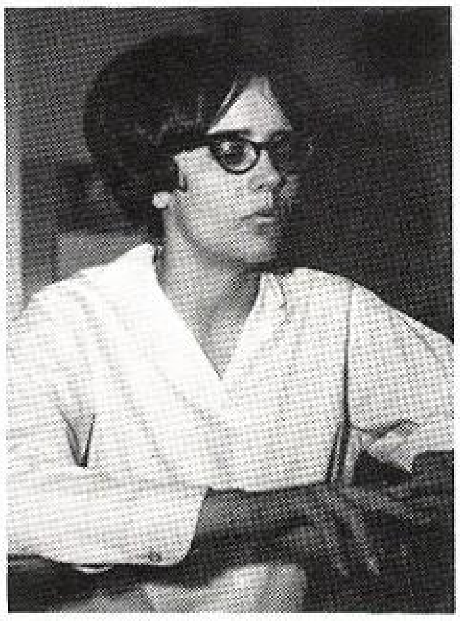
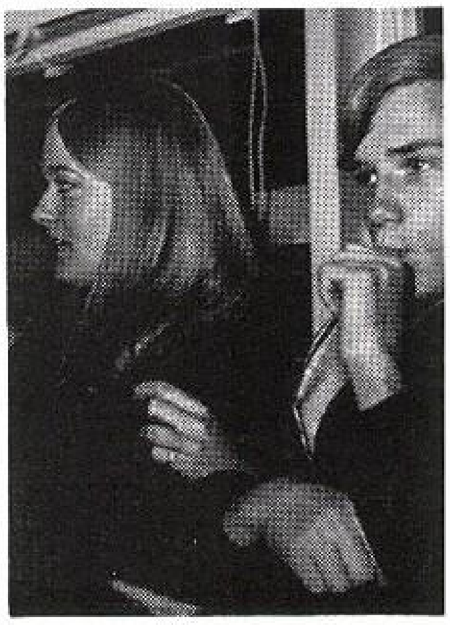
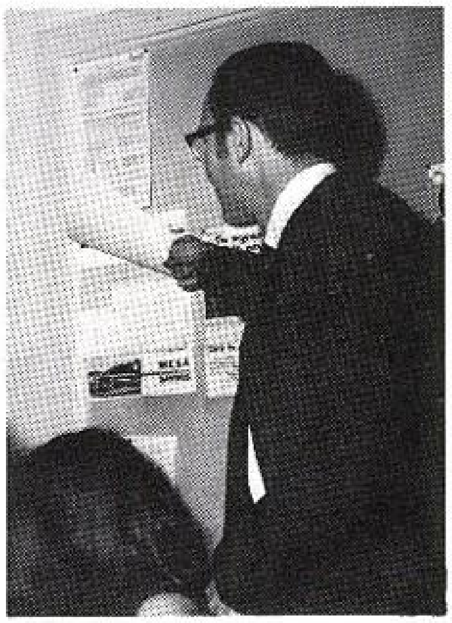
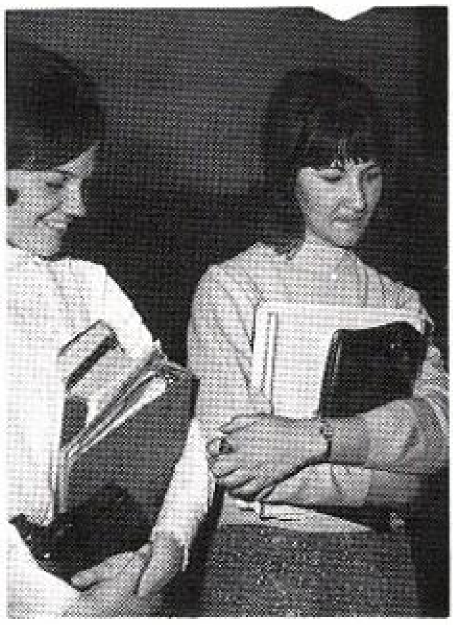
Someday teachers below, from the left, are Janet Siddens, Dale Tompkins, practicing with a professorial pipe; Verlan Goss and Tom Cronk, treasurer; and Mr. Tom Rieniets, who provided club sponsorship in '69.

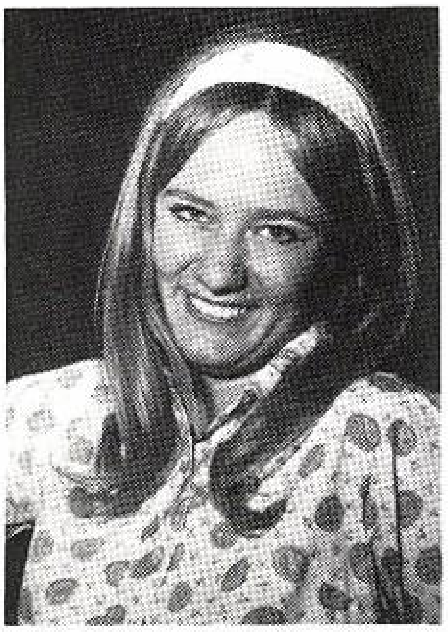


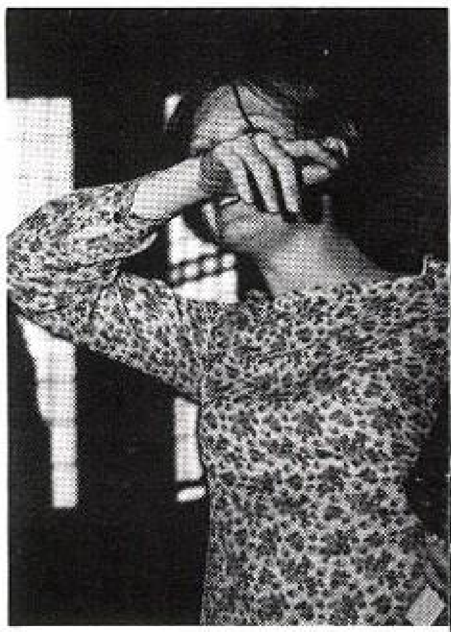






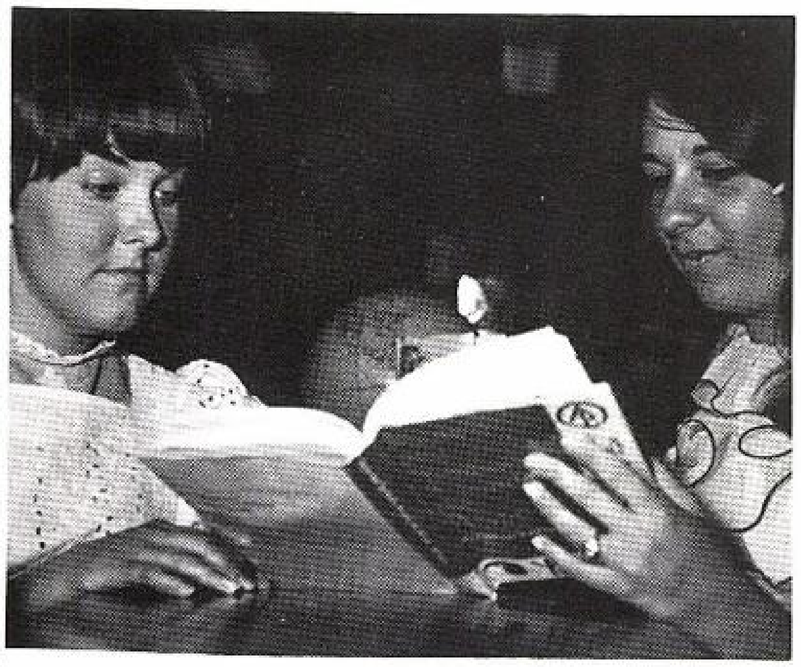





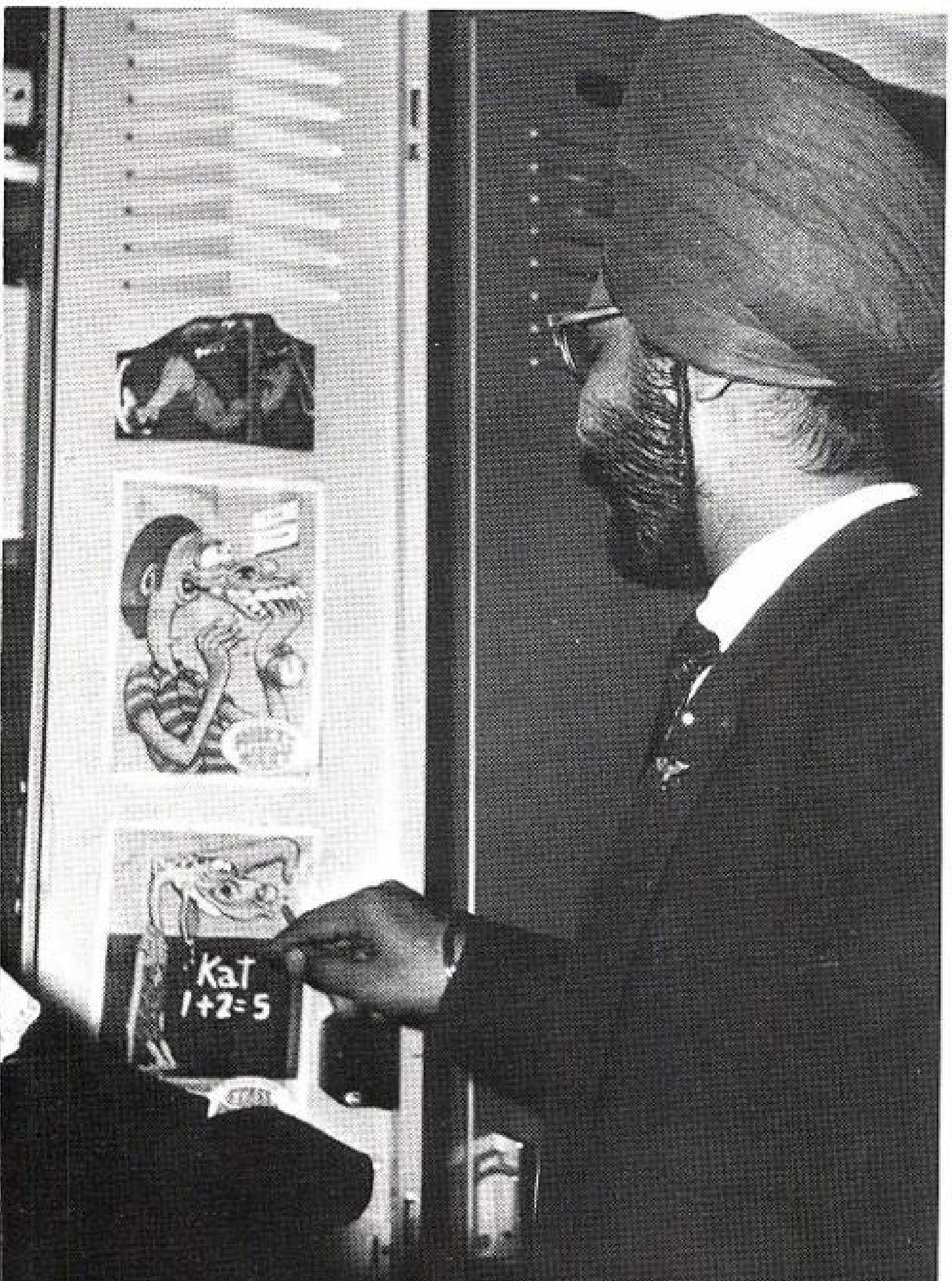




International Relations Club increased its activity noticeably in '69 through the lively sponsorship of Mr. Robert Watts. A membership comparable in number to most other organizations tried in a positive manner to give meaning to the club and to derive worthwhile benefits from participation. Some of the members, above, top row, are: Ruth Mendenhall and Michele Thistle, then Jackie Guccini and Don Bristol; guest speaker, India's Mr. Steve Bogga (to you) and Judy LaMar. In the second row are Marilyn Richards, the epitome of nonchalance; Linda Meinsen is next, along with Steve Hoback who nibbled on hi thumb during the lecture; Sponsor Robert Watt makes a point, and Kathy McIntyre and Janet Row follow. In the bottom row are guest Mike Koeni along with Jackie Guccini; Linda Meinsen, Mr. Bogga and Sheryl Arbogast locker-bound after a meeting. Other IRC members included Kathi Buhler Joyce Cole, Carol Fry, Sheila Jennings, Nancy Mal uy, Bonnie Martin, Ellen McBride, Donna Raff Dennis Retherford, Lennie Rich, Larry Stutler, Dal Tompkins, Nancy Walters and Wesley White.

International Relations Club

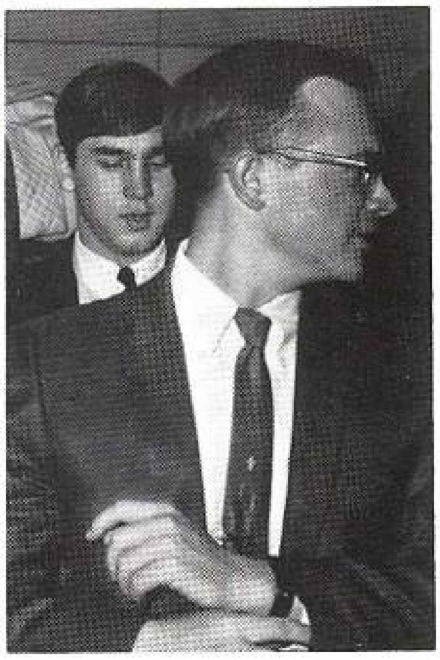


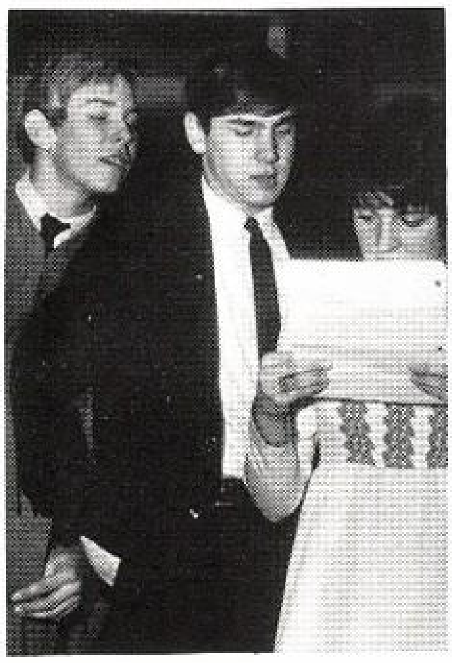


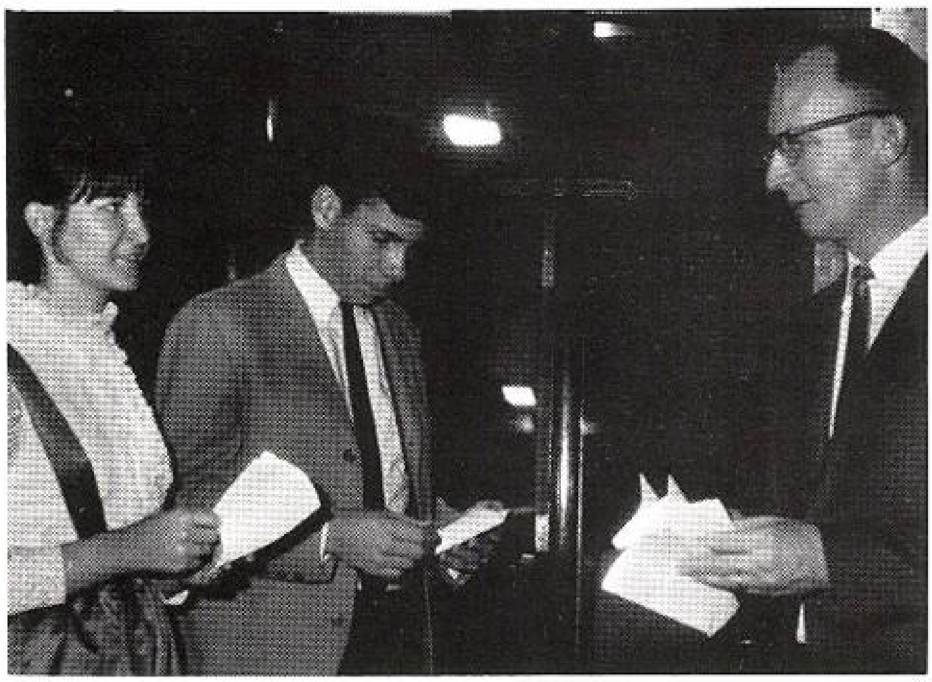
At International Relations Club meetings East and West met to compare notes on cultures. Steve Hoback, top, discovered that he has more in common with Steve Bogga of India than just first names. Janet Siddens and JoAdair Welch are at left, followed by Linda Davis, Yvonne Bunnell and fireball Jeanne Heiny.

East Met West At Patti's Locker

IRC leadership was quick to pounce upon Mr. Steve Bogga when he visited campus to address the first-year journalism class. He and several other extremely interesting speakers provided International Relations Club with a genuine expansion of understanding and tolerance of other peoples. IRC grew in '69. Tim Tomlinson was in the vanguard as club president; JoAdair Welch served as vice-president and Marilyn Richards took the notes as secretary. Always reliable Michele Thistle handled club funds as treasurer. At left, Mr. Bogga examines the real door to the West.

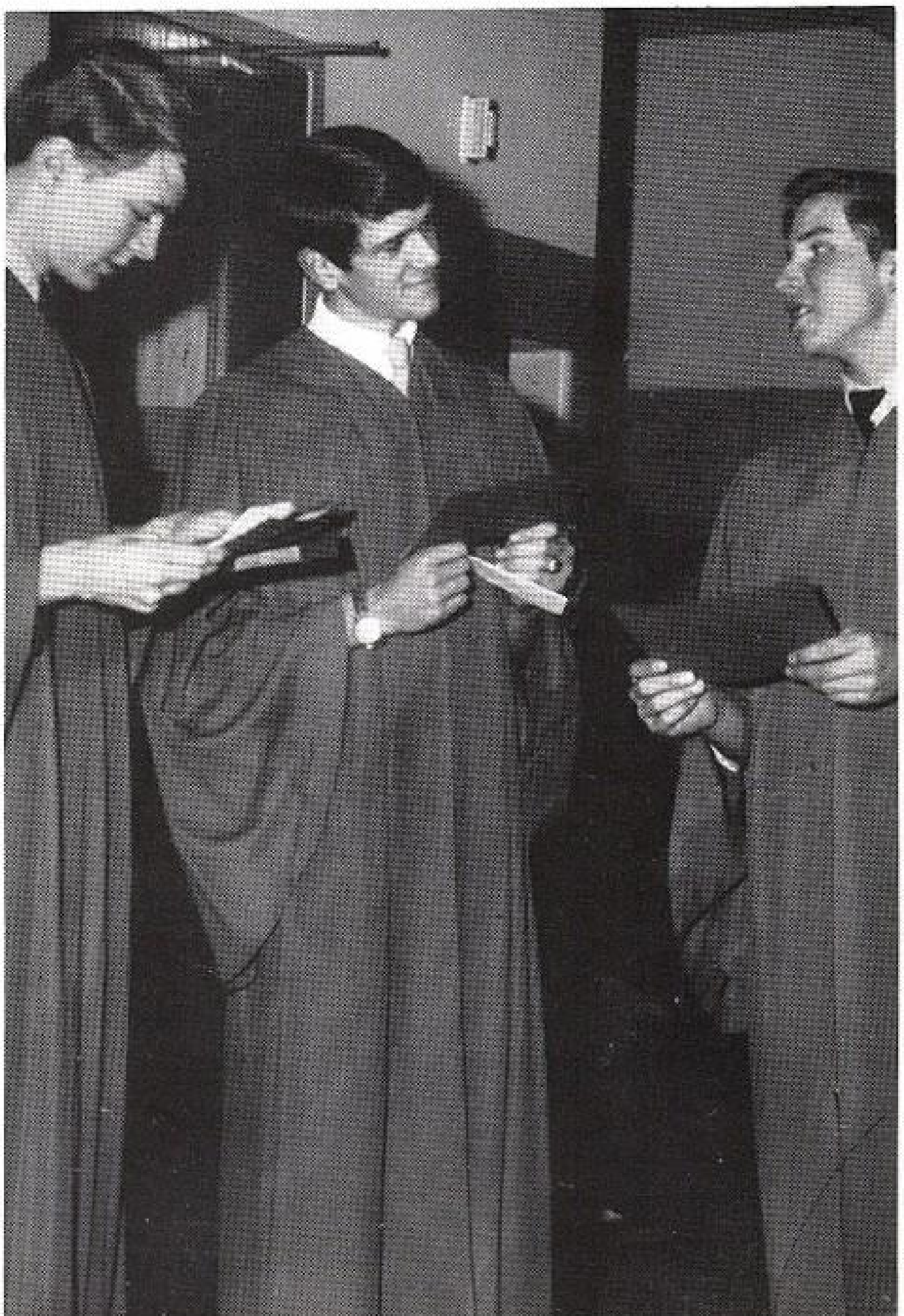






Academic excellence, leadership, contribution to school and community and attitude were characteristics by which potential National Honor Society members were judged. Other factors were important, too, of course. More seniors were eligible than sophomores, for example. Members above are Jim Stockert, Robert Martin and Fran Young; Roger Mackey and Joe Orr; Janet Rowe and Paul Kochevar.

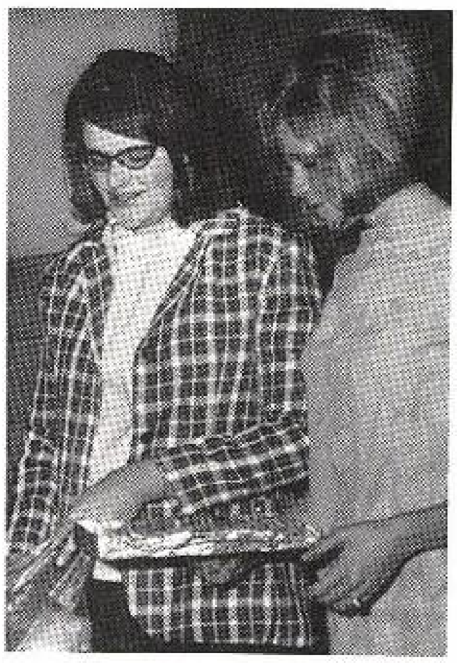
Standout students in row two, above, are Tom Cronk, Joe Orr and Jackie Guccini; then Jan Bristol, Gail Golike; next are Glen Ross with Mrs. Veda Quimby an associate sponsor, and Patty Maluy; Frank Fry, Frank Grant and Jim Stockert are last. Immediately above are Janet Rowe and Paul Kochevar with primary sponsor Mr. Arnold Hayes who, over the years, made Honor Society membership a much sought after goal among Wildcats willing to work for it.



National Honor Society

Janet Siddens
JoAdair Welch
Cheryl Lorimer
Sheila Sewell
Martha Cary
Mr. Arnold Hayes

Center:
Faye Kelly and
Mr. Walden H. George
Kris Keith
Glen Ross

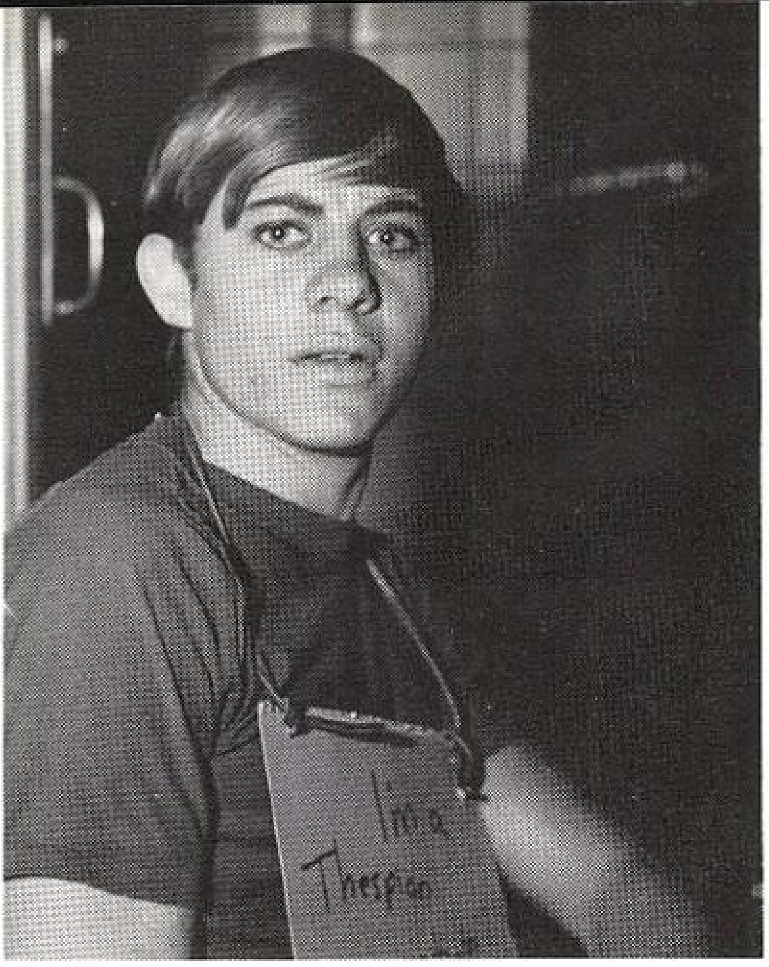


Linda Watkins
Marie Downs

Seven Sophomores, Three Juniors and One Senior Joined the Elite

National Honor Society officers, left, prepare for the spring initiation of new members. Larry Stutler was president; Tom Cronk was vice-president and Tim Tomlinson was secretary. Marilyn Richards served as treasurer. Honor Society felt most proud of its work in providing Christmas baskets for needy families again this year. Its constitution change requiring candidates to have a 3.5 grade average cut down on the number of new members entering. Members voted to buy pins for incoming initiates — a good step.

Disciples of Janus



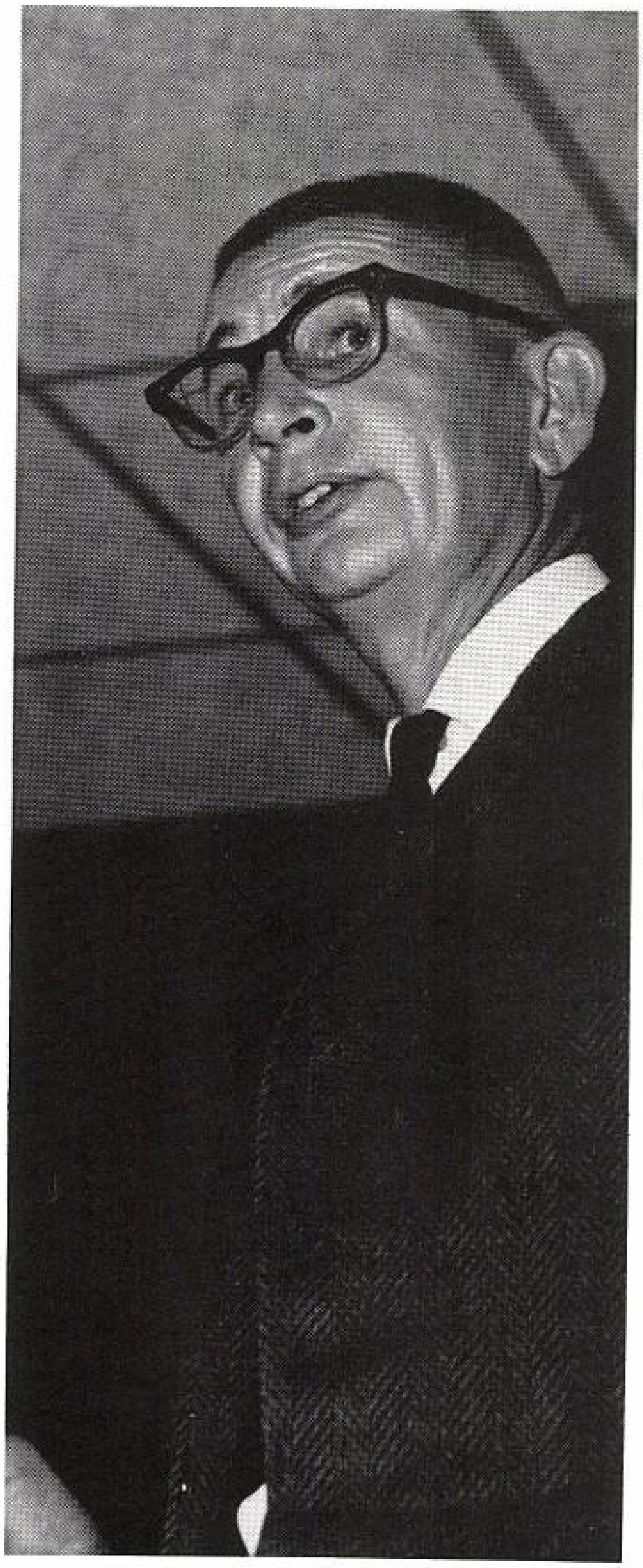
Thespian initiate Dale Tompkins, top, struck an inquisitive stance during a day-long joshing — final step before ceremonial entry into Fruita's Chapter of National Thespian Society. Initiate Susan Kettle, above, who, like Dale, earned final entry points with work in *Our Town,* broke the spell of fun long enough to finish her attendance cards.

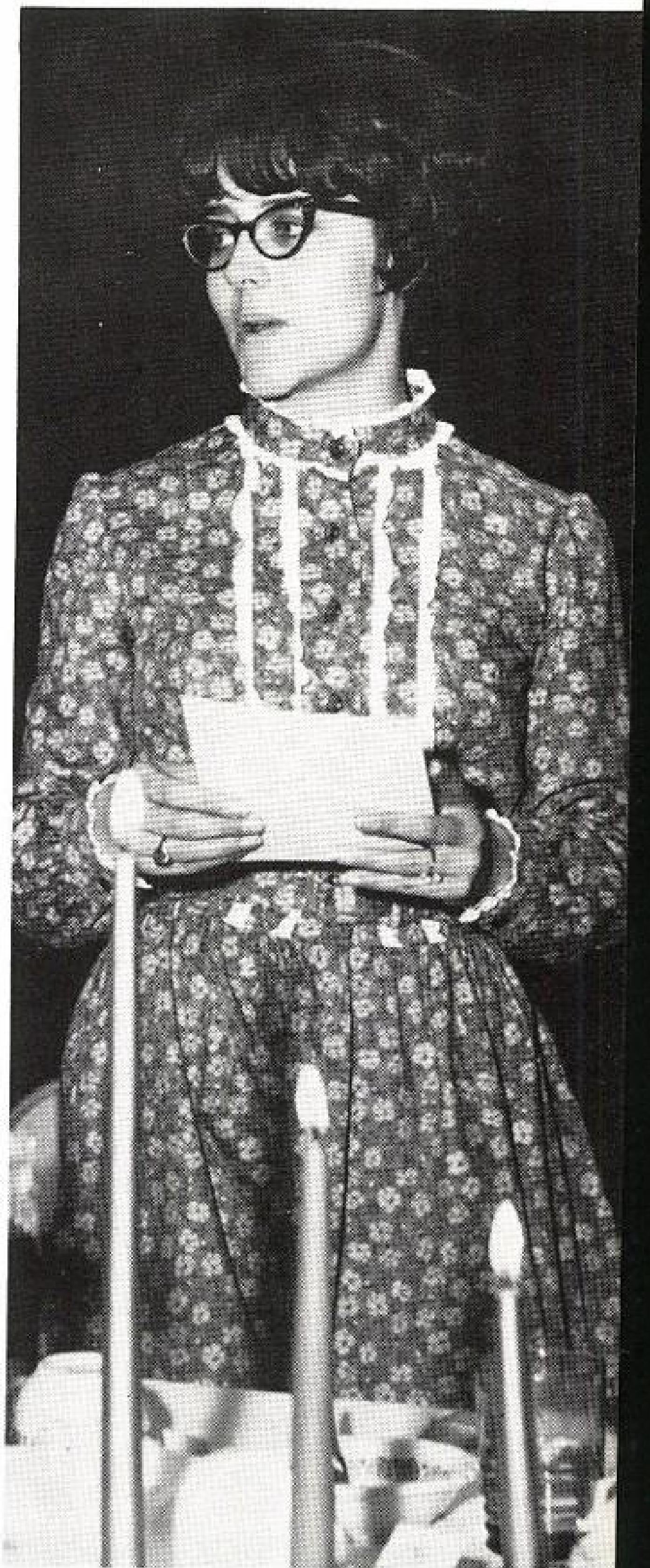
Chapter Secretary Marilyn Richards, Chapter President Gene Shaw and Treasurer Larry Stutler, top, right, prepare to begin the candlelight ceremonies which added ten new members to the club. Points Chairman Michele Thistle was tight-fisted with credits, and Wildcats who received an invitation to join felt they had truly arrived. Fruita's followers of the muse were select and an elite group; entry was something to shout about.

Patty Maluy and Chapter Vice-president Glenn Erkman, above, appear in a moving scene from *Ou Town.* Patty, a veteran of *Romanoff and Juliet* a well, completed membership requirements with he stirring and memorable performance in Thornton Wilder's classic. Opposite, top, is JoAdair Welch who joined in January; at right is Lennie Rich, the Sponsor Mr. Elton Crow and Marilyn Richards back-stage whip and organizer.

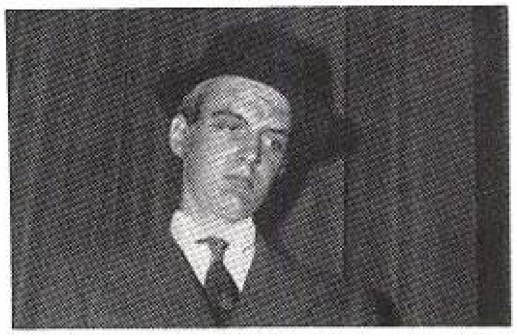
Welcomed Ten by Candlelight Frolic

Chicken and ham were the twin-bill headliners topping the menu for an elaborate candle-lit dinner and initiation fete January 10 when Fruita's Chapter of National Thespian Society ushered ten new members into the clan. Chicken was the Coachman's Inn's most delicious, and the ham was, of course, Fruita's finest — Gene Shaw. Old hat to the old-timers, initiation was something different for the novitiates, still anxious from a full day of tomfoolery in outlandish costumes, make-up and placards. And the jesting was not over yet. But by evening's end, Patty Maluy, Lennie Rich, Costa Watson, Elly Rodriguez, JoAdair Welch, Dale Tompkins, Janet Siddens, Susan Kettle, Joyce Bousman and Bob VanMetre were in like Flynn.





Thespians added a final touch of jocularity to a splendid outing with joke-telling and pranks unlimited. The night was a perfect ending to a year of emotional effort expended in staging two major productions — *Our Town* and *The Education of Hyman Kaplan*. The group also did Noel Coward's *Fumed Oak* for competition and won an Excellent rating at the Boulder speech meet. Larry Stutler, who substituted for Dale Tompkins at the last moment, won a Superior rating for his outstanding performance.



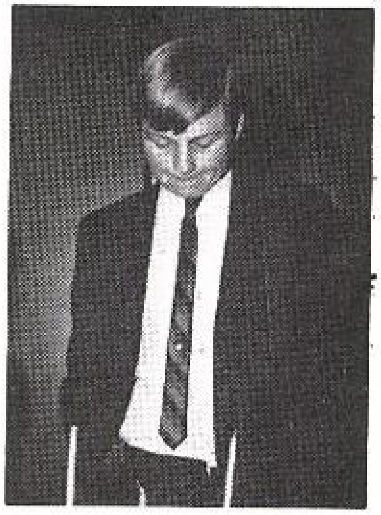
Bob VanMetre, Lennie Rich and Dale Tompkins, above, shared a funny. At right is Larry Stutler in his role as the Stage Manager in *Our Town*.

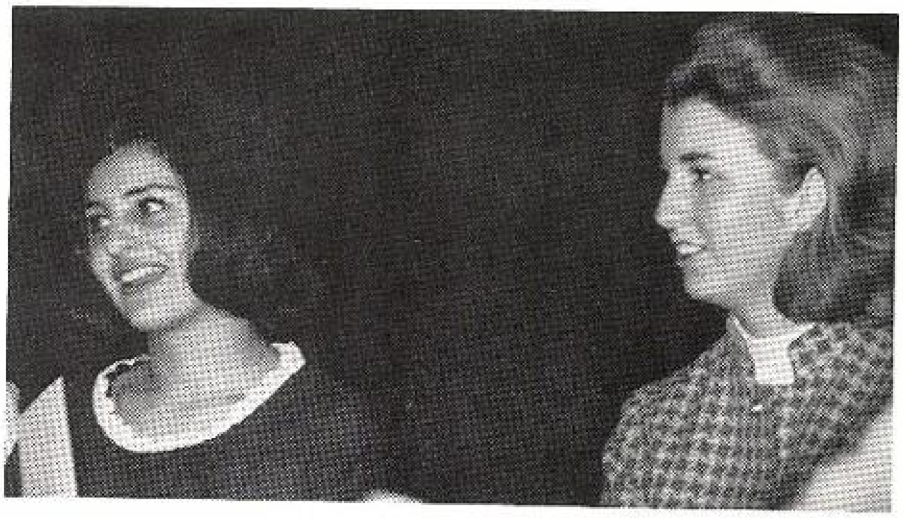
Candidate for admission to the Thespian Chapter, Patty Maluy, right, traipsed to class decked out in flowered hat and sign, the subject of much mock derision.

Marilyn Richards bends an ear to catch a fleeting quip passed by Michele Thistle around a beaming Gene Shaw to an appreciative listener down the table.

At last, in a moment of extreme pleasure, Patty Maluy received her membership certificate from Secretary Marilyn Richards. Acceptance into the society represented untold hours of devotion and work and plain old-fashioned grit.

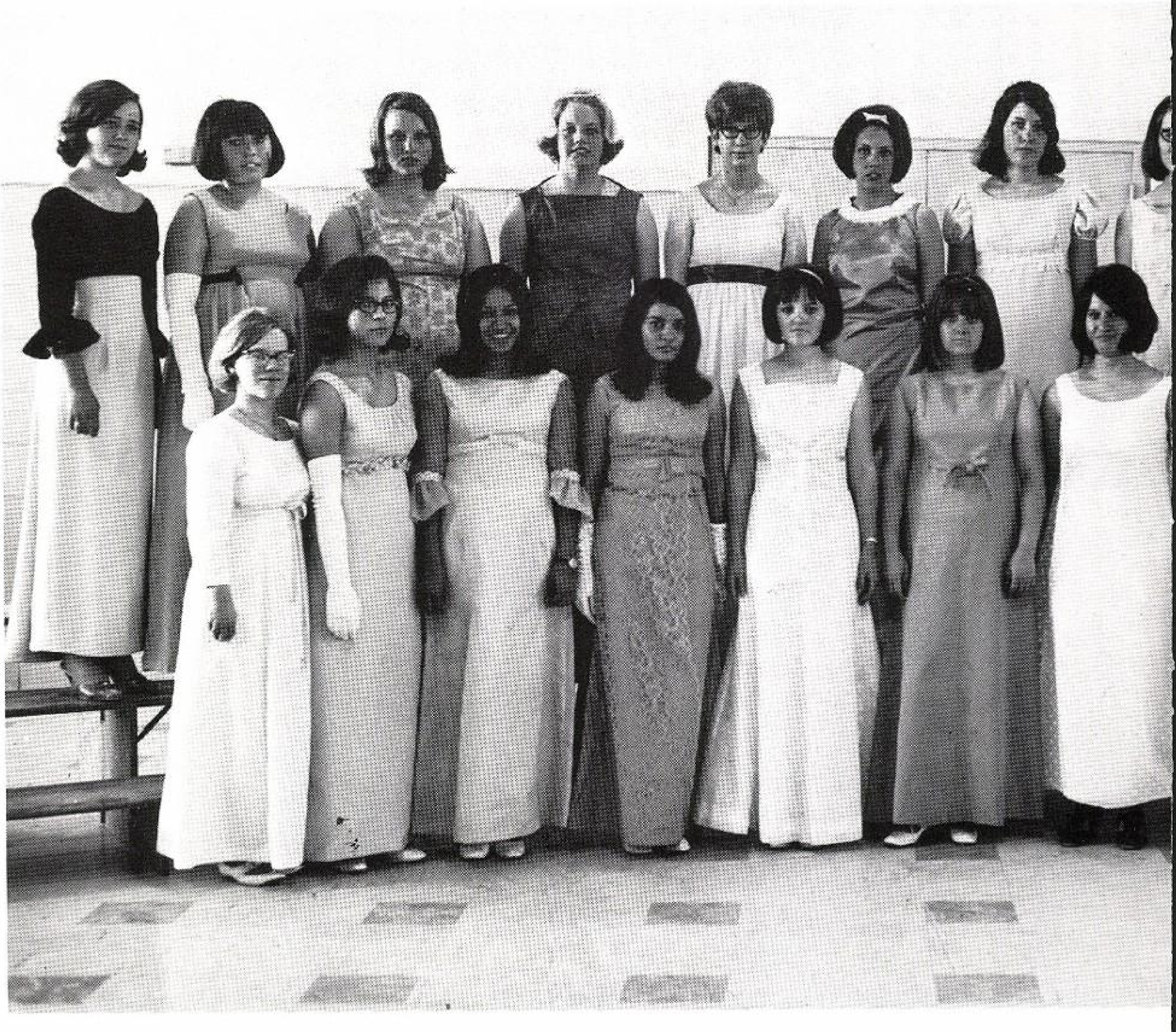
Our Town, Fumed Oak Opened the Door





Thespians above, top, are Elly Rodriguez, then Robert VanMetre with Lennie Rich followed by Gene Shaw and Susan Kettle. Above, right, are initiates Joyce Bousman and Costa Watson and Points Chairman Michele Thistle. Initiate Janet Siddens sings, "Mary Had a Little Lamb" to demonstrate her proficiency before a lively audience. From this tight-knit group of performers also came many who figured prominently in Fruita's speech and debate teams; Janet and JoAdair led the way.

Songbirds Warbled in Golden Tones Ringing With a Joyous Tempo Of People Power

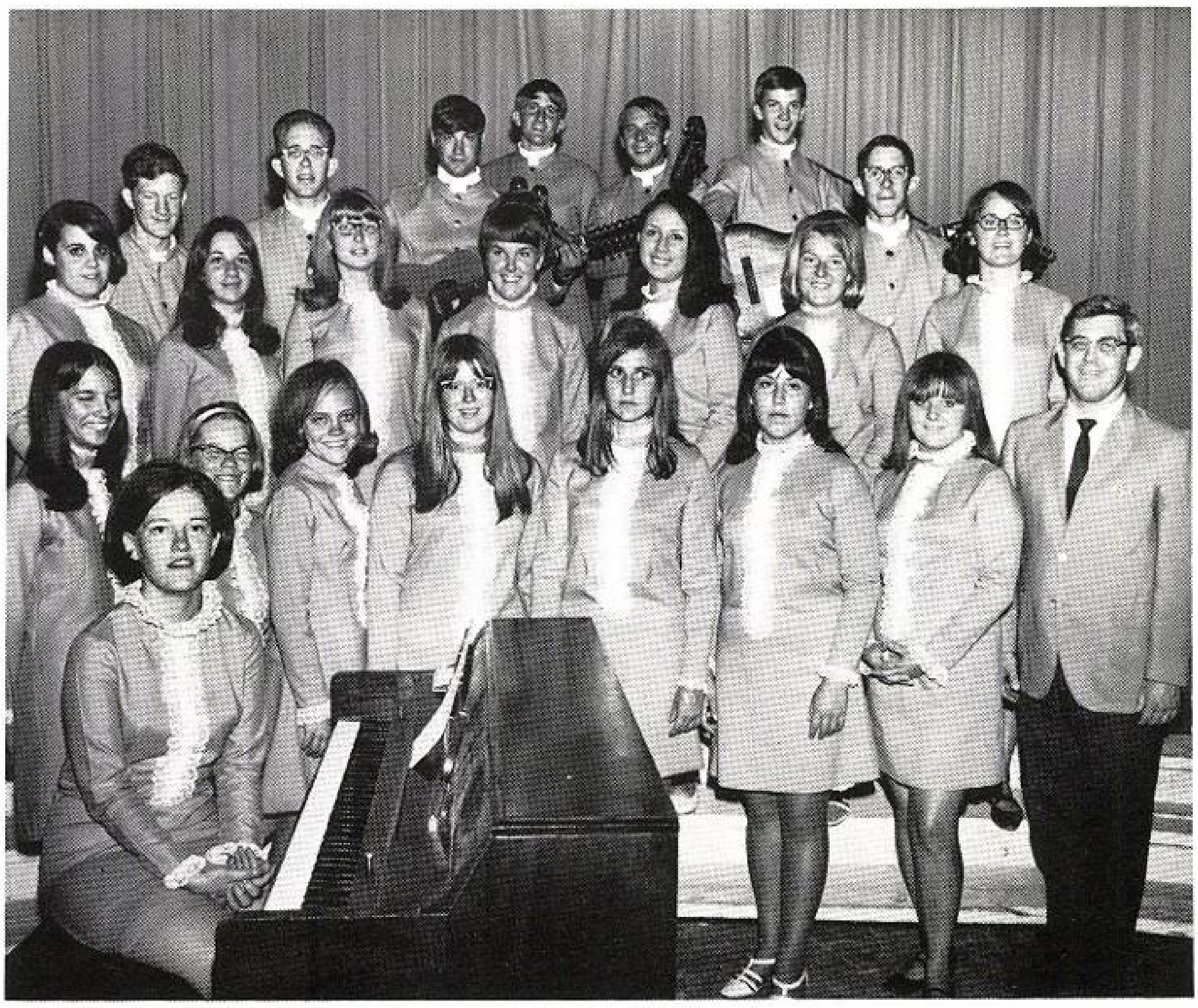


Girls' Glee Club

Trilling with Girls' Glee Club were Jeannie Waggoner, Anna Vigil, Priscilla Serrano, Vicki Marquez, Sandra Nelson, Peggy Widegren, Patty Crespin, Linda Benson and Sandra Peach. *ROW TWO:* Kathy Warner, Marie Rodriguez, Lynette Dickson, Beth Kettle, Sarah Roundtree, Nancy Harper, Leona Kettle, Pam Fortik, Wilma Clawson and Terri Pehrson. Mr. Ted Lorts coached.

Swing Choir

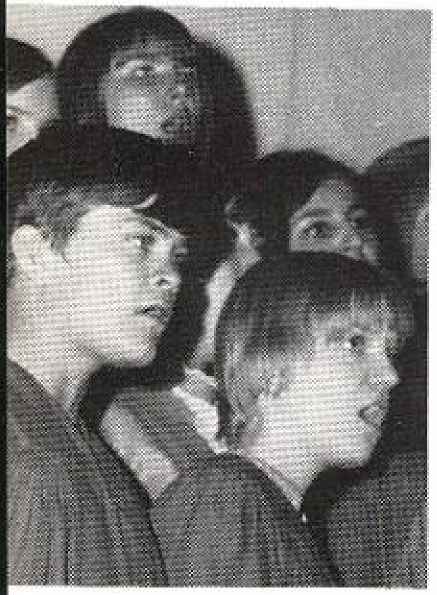
Mr. Ted Lorts, Director



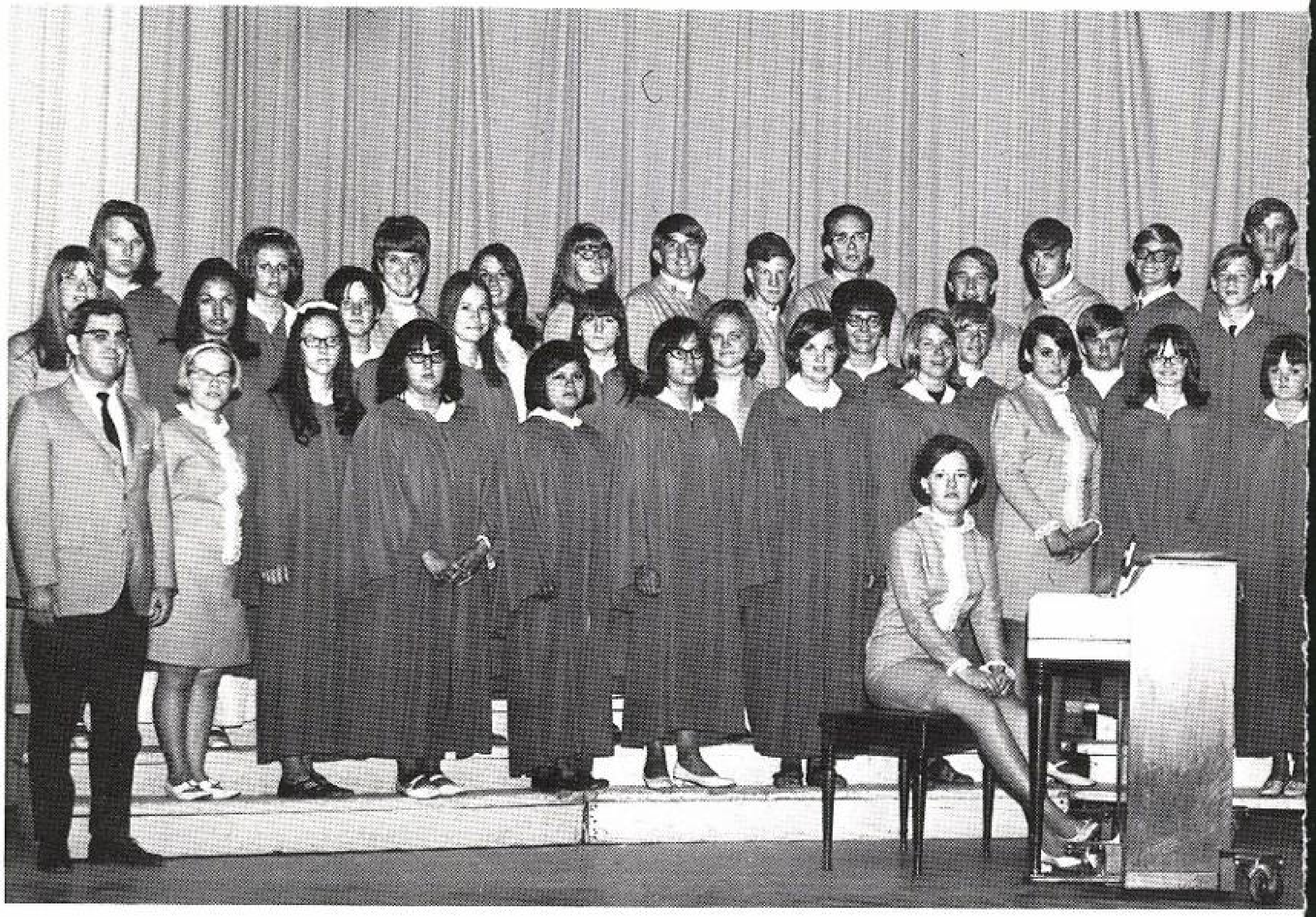
Swing Choir vocalists were Sandra Peach, accompanist; Janice Bristol, Jeannie Waggoner, Barbara Hickman, Kathy Mason, Yvonne Bunnell, Kathy Gallegos, Peggy Widegren. Mr. Ted Lorts directed the songsters. *ROW TWO:* Jeanne Heiny, JoAdair Welch, Pam Goatley, Janet Siddens, Elly Rodriguez, Susan Kettle and Naomi Gunn. *BACK ROW:* Danny Webb, Tom Gibson, Dennis Price, Gary Barcus, Bryan Beck, Larry Quimby and Tom Sommerville.

Choristers decreed that happiness was a song made to sparkle because singers felt a zest for life. And their attitude fostered a genuine pride within the ranks of Fruita's heralded vocal sound artists. Early in '69 choral work was slow, concerned with designing new outfits and fitting voices into an integrated harmony. At last they were ready for a performance with more members than ever before. Looking sporty — the Swing Choir in new blue and white and Girls' Glee Club in elegant gowns — Fruita entertained for Rotary Club, Odd Fellows, at school activities and a dozen one-nighters. It was always the Coachman's Inn after rehearsals. The entire group would crowd into one circular booth to sing and laugh and drive waitresses wild. Those times were the best! And there were parties, too.

Mixed Chorus, Gusty Tidal Wave of Sounds

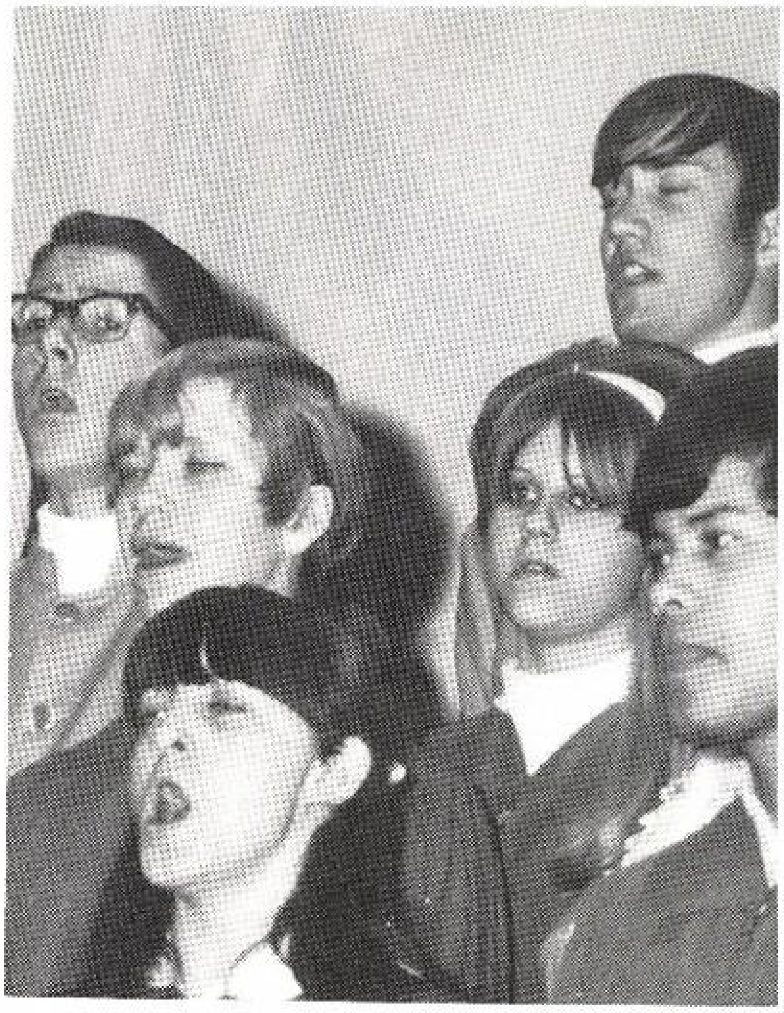


Mixed Chorus warblers, far left, are Swany Monger, Debbie Walls, Pam Goatley, Doris Park, Kathy Gallegos, Costa Watson; Susan Kettle, Jeanette Baker; JoAdair Welch, Dale Lockwood; Evelyn Sanchez, Anna Vigil, Janet Siddens and Randy Radebaugh.



Choristers who let 'er rip in '69 were, *FRONT ROW:* Director Mr. Ted Lorts, Jeannie Waggoner, Gail Golike, Genevieve Martinez, Evelyn Sanchez, Anna Vigil, Debbie Walls, Sherry McLaughlin, Jeanne Heiny, Sandra Phinnell, Sandra Nelson, Linda Benson, Arlene Twitchell, Terri Pehrson, Twila Campion and Marie Downs. *MIDDLE ROW:* Kathy Mason, Genevieve Serrano, Melisa Wassam, Sherry Kizer, Starlet Kay Sanchez, Barbara Hickman, Marilyn Richards, Alden Chesney, Swany Monger, Steve Pauls, Wayne Schafer, Larry Quimby, Tom Sommerville, Yvonne Bunnell, Costa Watson and Kathy Gallegos. In the back row are Lynette Dickson, Gail Cox, Janet Siddens, Pam Goatley, Gary Barcus, Danny Webb, Tom Gibson (III), Bryan Beck, Dennis Price, Roy Runnestrand, Ross Monger, Phil Serve, Dale Lockwood, Naomi Gunn, Nancy Pehrson, Elly Rodriguez and Susan Kettle. At the piano is Sandra Peach who accompanied Mixed Choir, Swing Choir and Girls' Glee in '69.

Virtually everyone, it seemed, sang with Mixed Chorus, Fruita's largest organization. Mr. Ted Lorts inspired songbirds who reciprocated with a zesty spontaneity lilting in sparkling sound. Grouped by tone instead of by friends, the choir went to work. Director Lorts skillfully blended work with lighter moments until someone tossed a snake into the soprano section where panic and skirts rose at an embarrassing rate. Singers worked diligently at music and at learning to walk on or off the risers; only one singer fell. Mixed Chorus was body and soul of *Hyman Kaplan;* production gave way to excitement as the Boradway musical went into rehearsal. The year ended with Kathy Mason clutching a dozen red roses for her brilliant performance and the choir singing *Climb Every Mountain* to departing seniors.

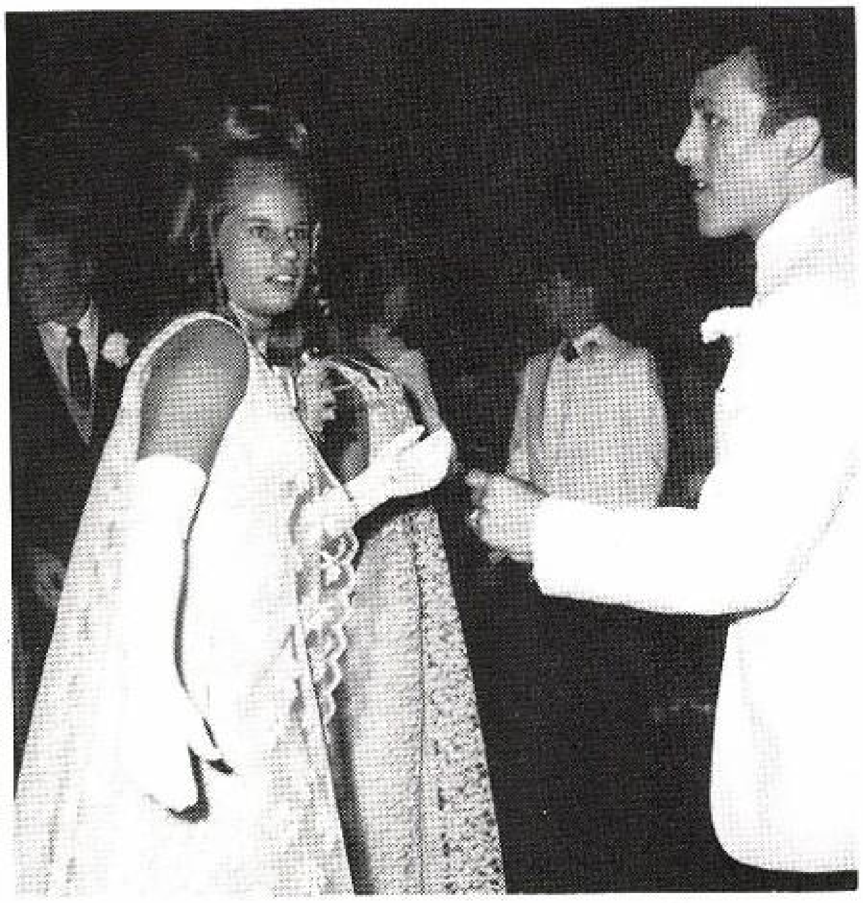


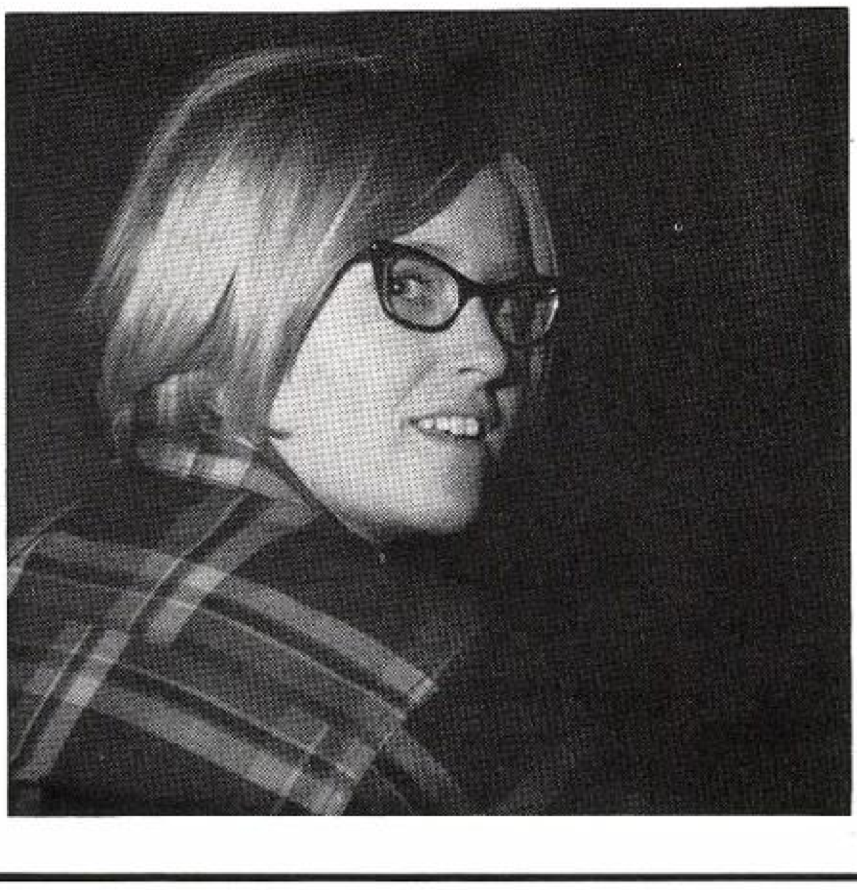
Spirited vocalists with a golden glottis communicated to audiences that they liked to sing, and Wildcats loved them. Above, top, enchanted with their work, are: Starlet Kay Sanchez, Tom Sommerville, Dennis Price, Marie Downs, Gail Cox, and Josue Martinez. Above, right, are Larry Quimby, Steve Pauls, Lynette Dickson, Naomi Gunn and Gail Golike; next are Tom Gibson, Lloyd Williams and Carolyn Nelson.

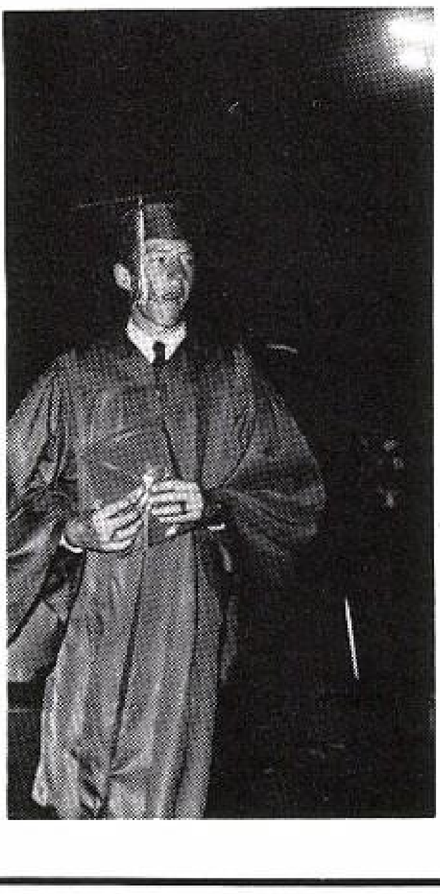
Fruita's Vocal Leviathan Rocked The Rafters With Musical Thunder

Mr. Ted Lorts,
Director,
Coach

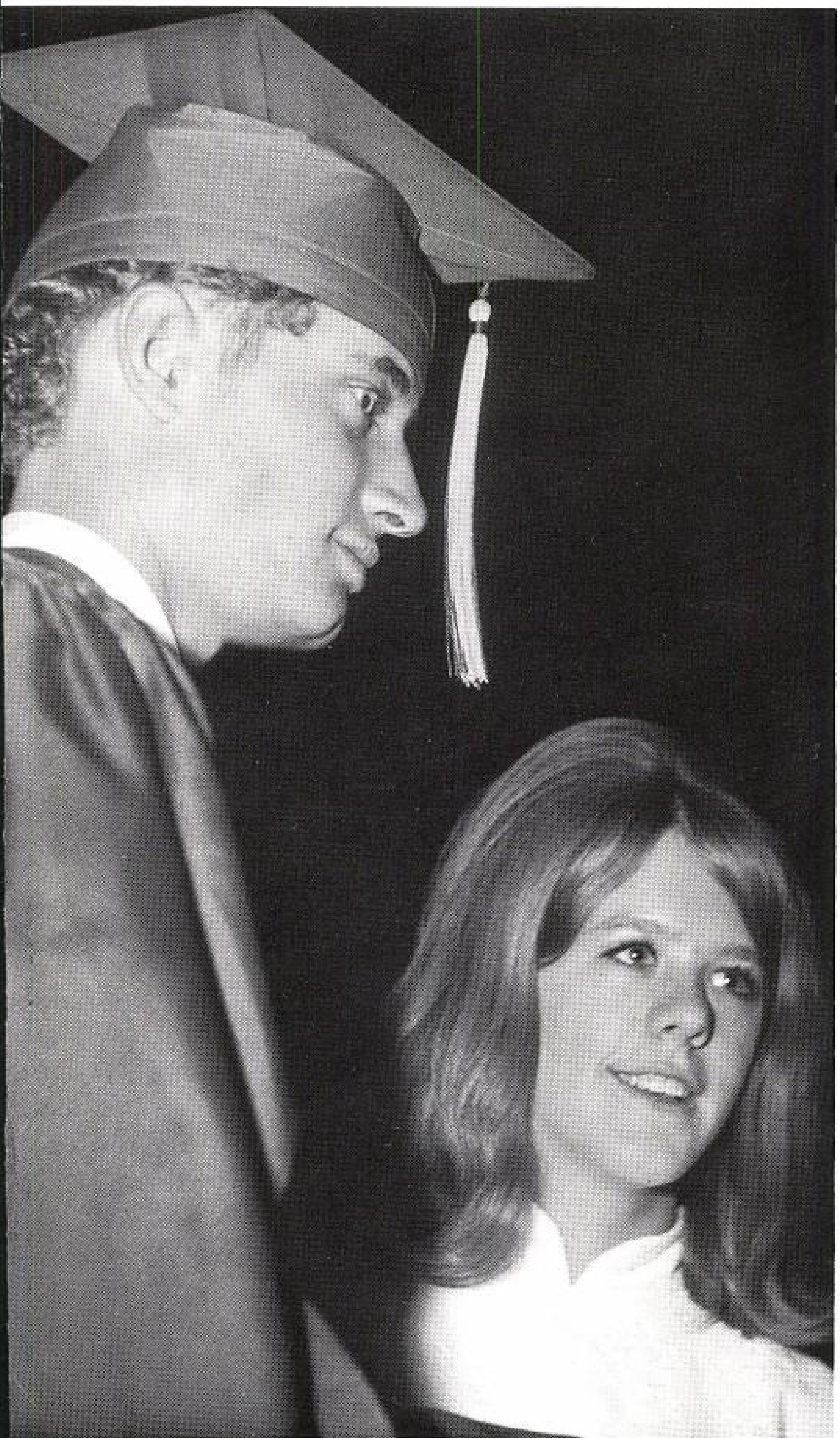
Seniors: Go-go, Going, And Gone

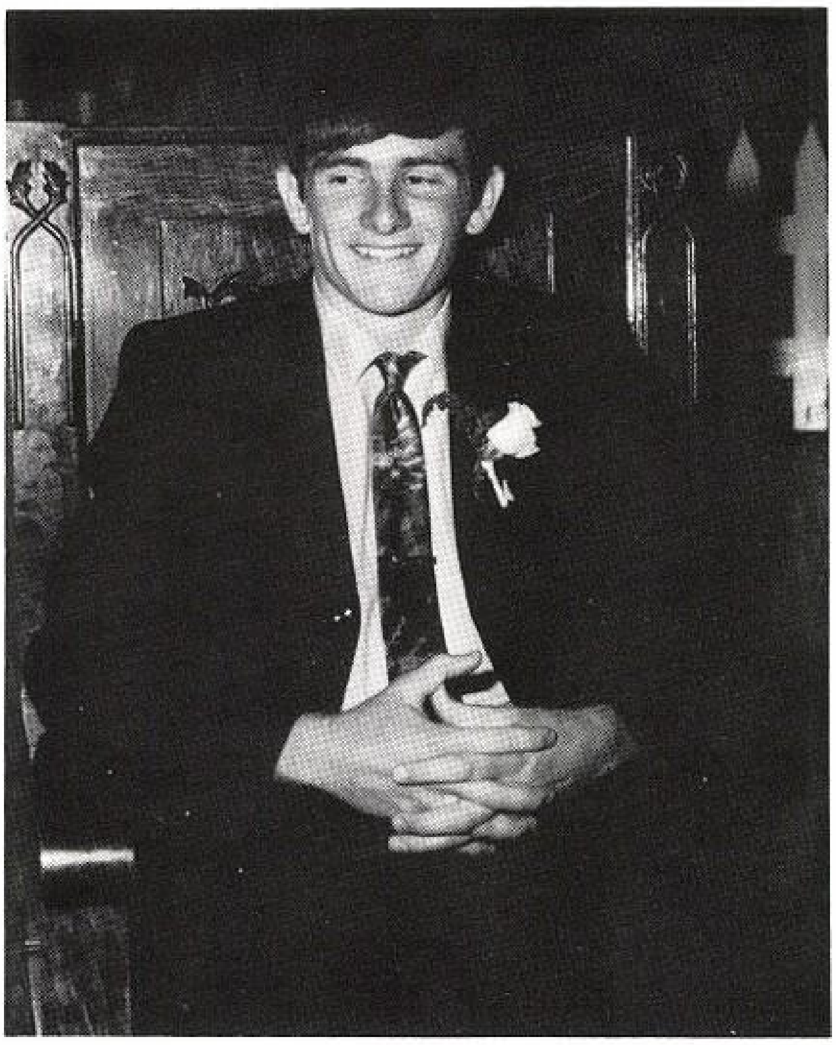


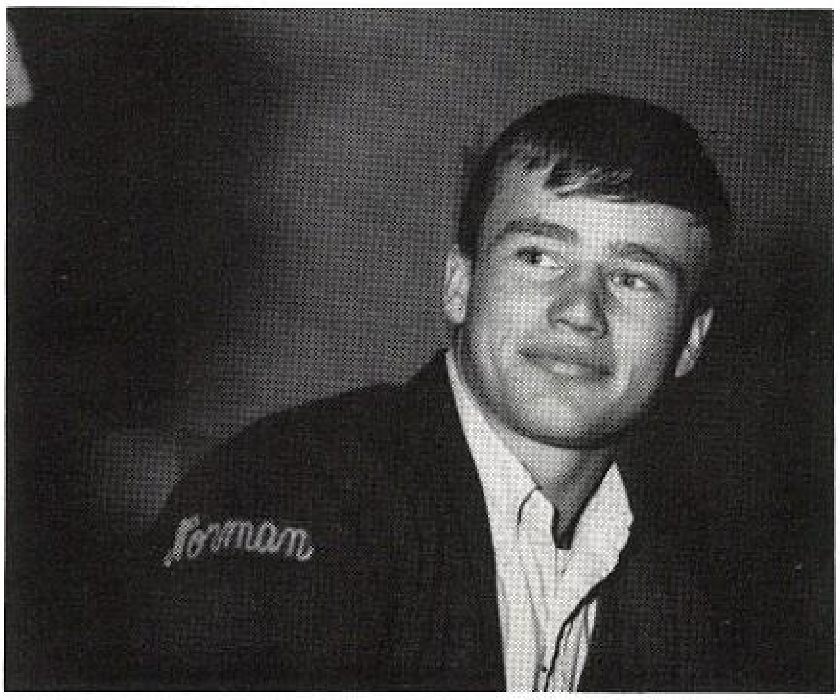


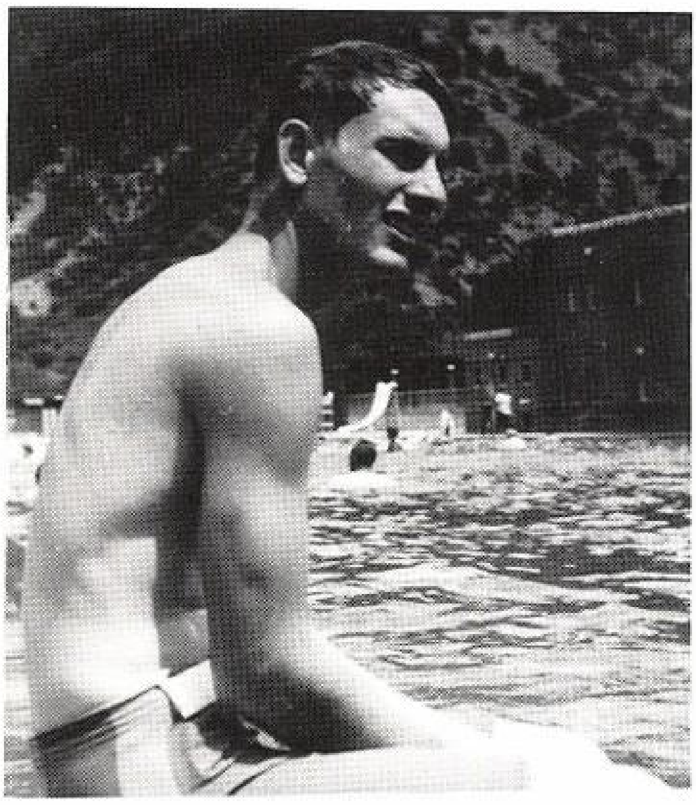


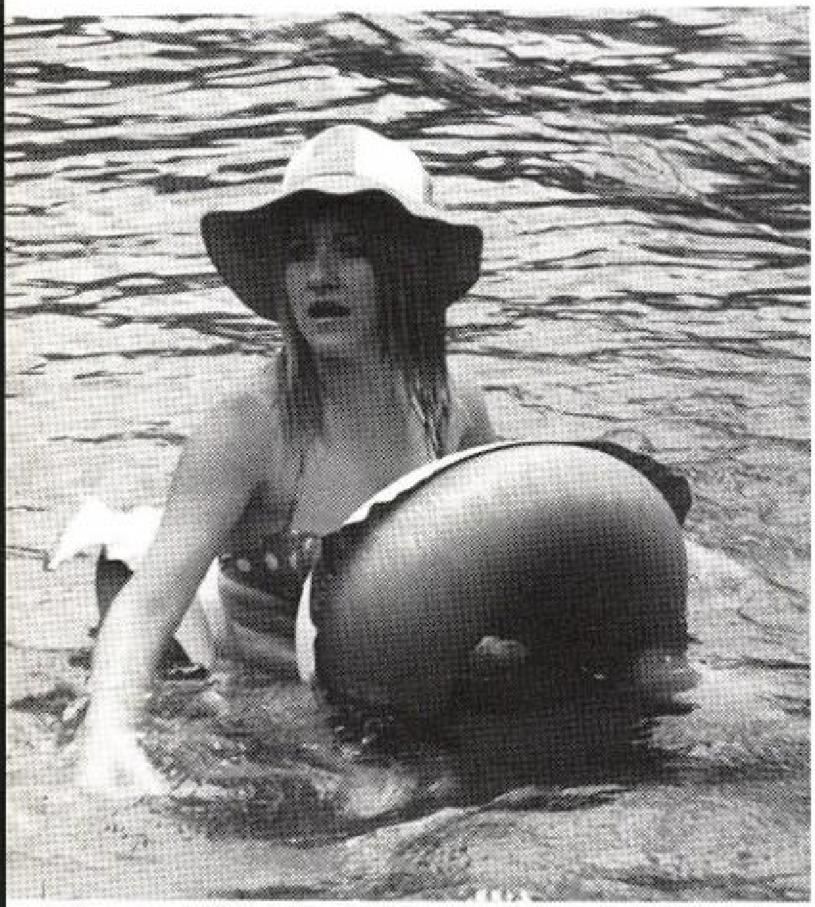
Class of '69

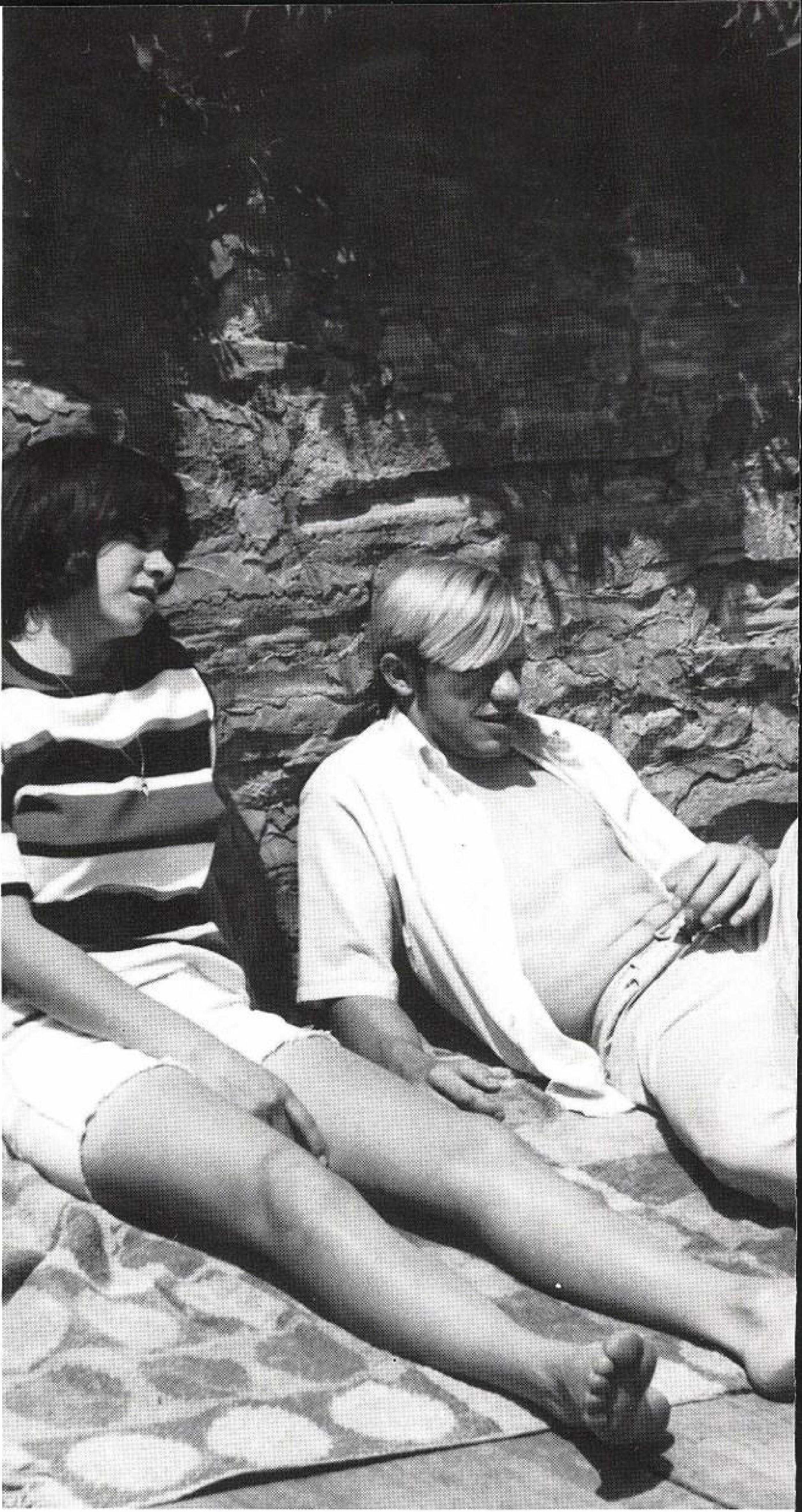










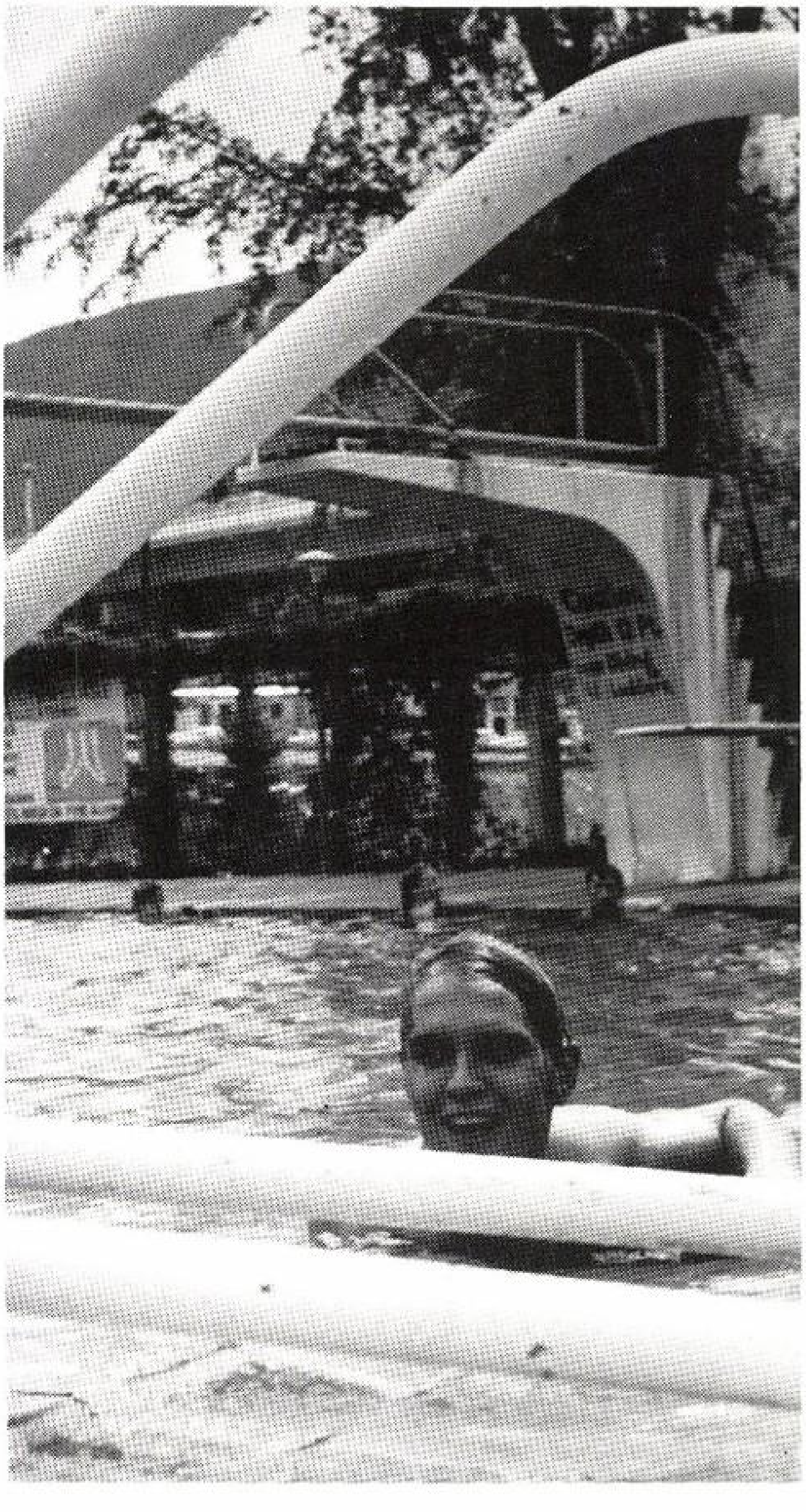


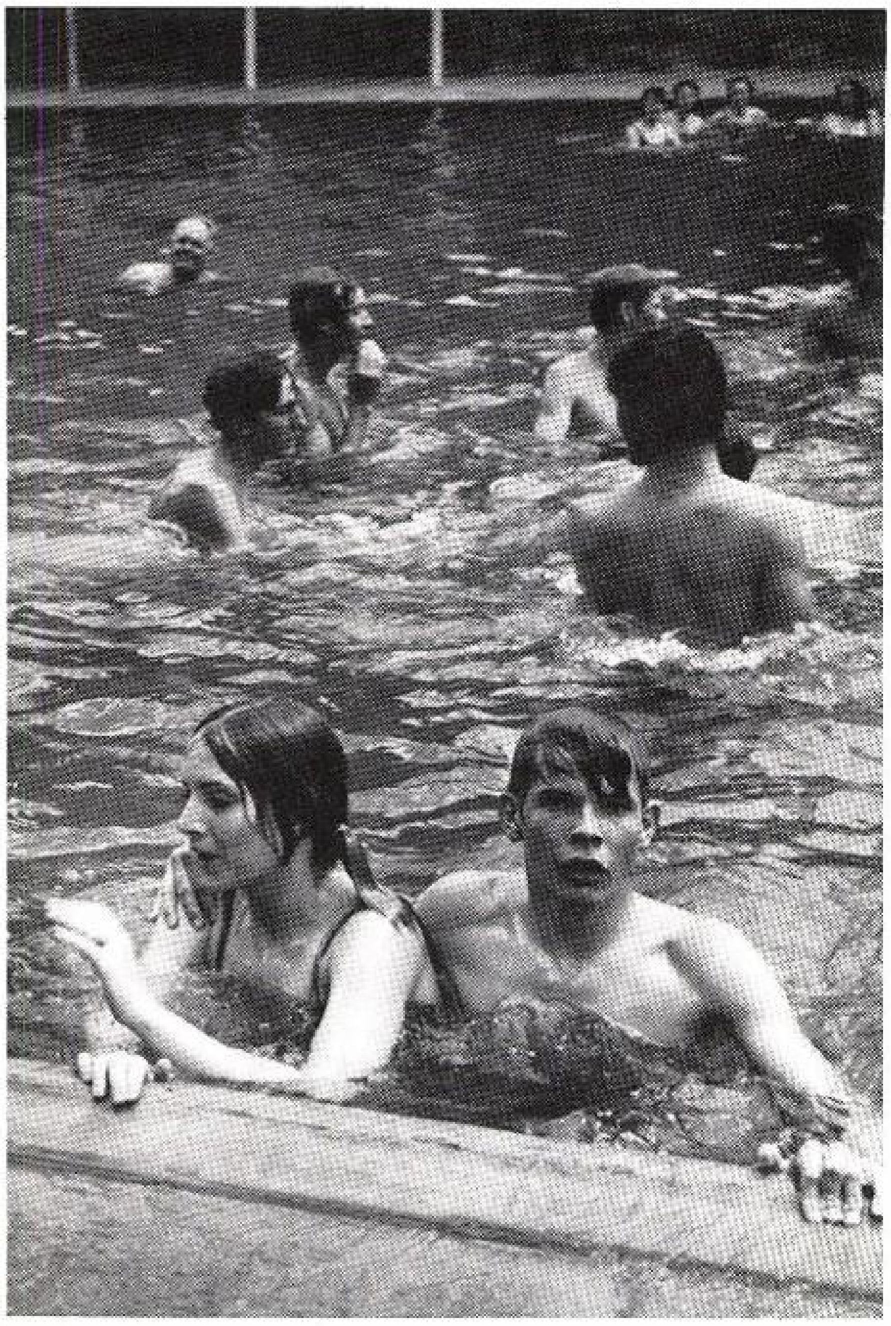
Rhondy Groves, top, began preparations for the senior trip three months in advance. Beaded with splashes of pool cool, Rhondy went out with a bang. Donna Raff wrangled her rubber horsie landward ho!

Soaking up the sun while lazing against a warm wall, Greg Brown and Paula Kochevar took advantage of afternoon's quieter moments to rejuvenate. Seniors returned from the outing sapped but still saucy.

A Golden Gambol Capped Years Of Upward Struggle

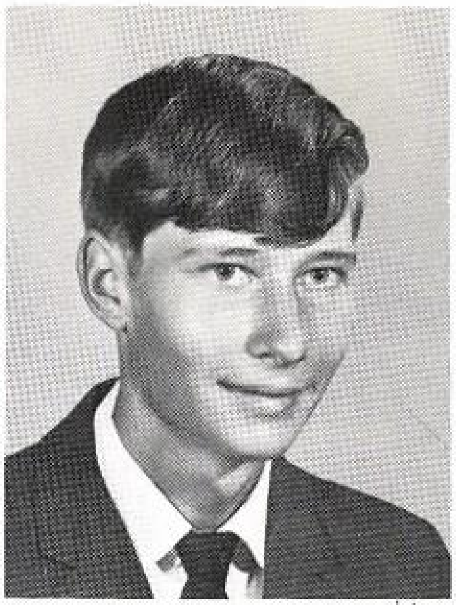
Spring played the coquette. Even in February seniors detected a slight flush of new green sprouting through burnished grass, and a perfume of summer-scented days hung richly in the air promising lilacs. Nearing the topmost pinnacle after twelve years of climbing their mountain, the Class of '69 tried racing to the summit through those last, hectic days. Skittish spring shouted, "You're almost there." Puffing seniors cried, "Sock it to me, baby!" And then it snowed. Each day seemed endless until May 16 when seniors knew they had reached the end of a long, long journey.





Beaming Joe Muths surfaced long enough to sprinkle the pool with waggish mirth, then he was off again. Patty Maluy and Doug Bennetts, left, luxuriated in the glossy water while Joe Beckstein, Tim Arpke and Stan Koziol made waves at center pool.

Sharlyn Allen
Sherri Arbogast
Tim Arpke



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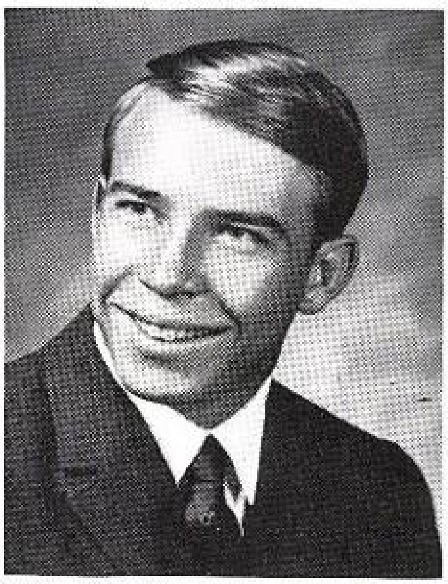
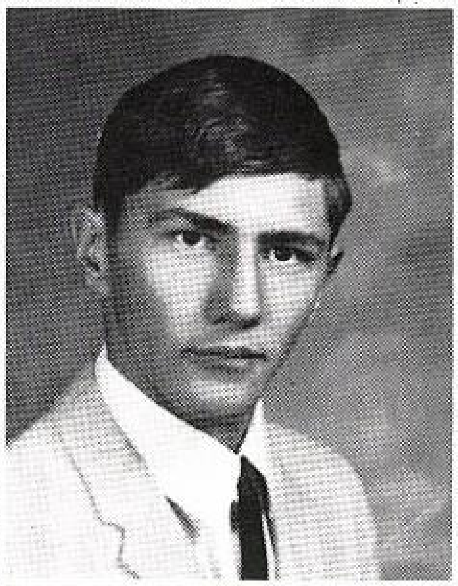
Bryan L. Beck
Bernard J. Beckstein

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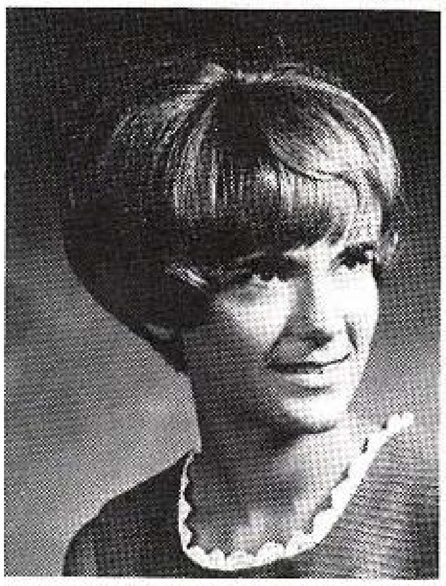
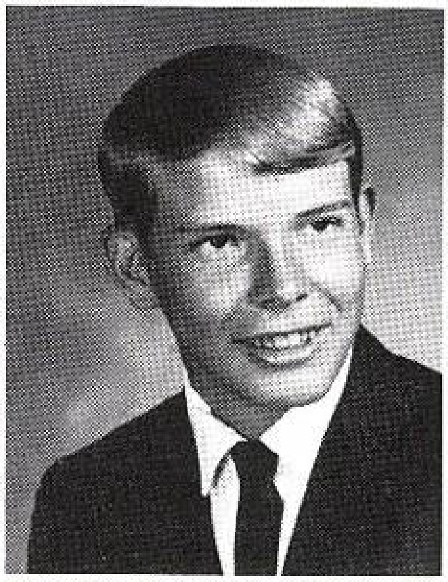
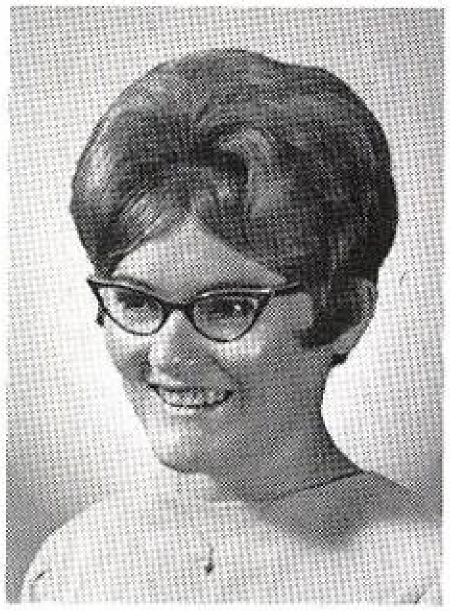
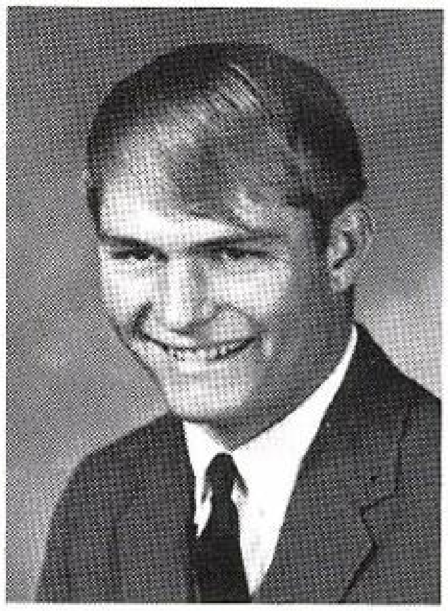
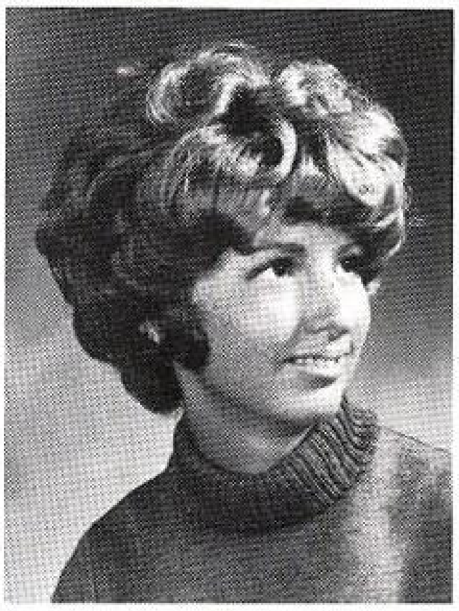
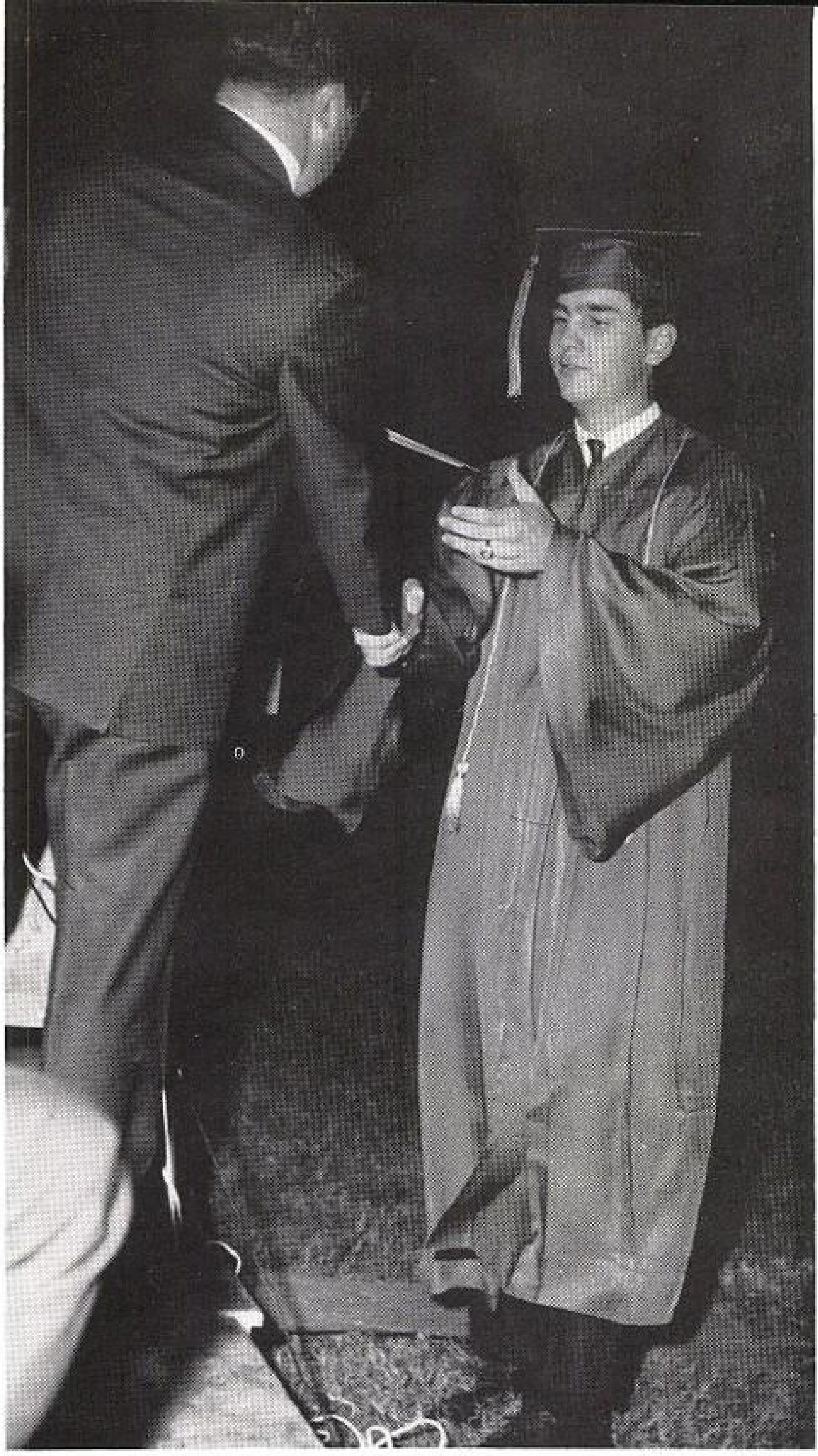
Doug Bennetts
Linda Benson

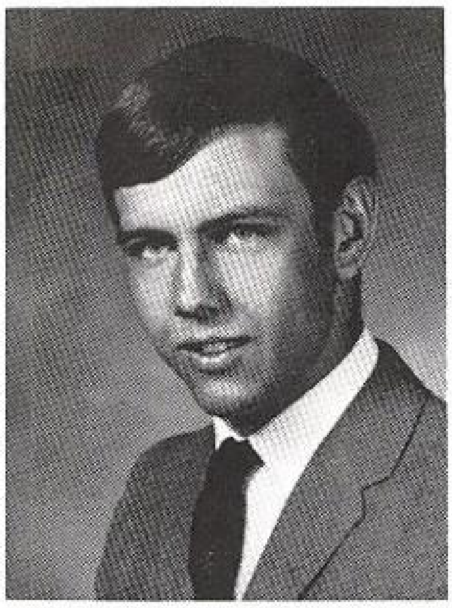
Barbara Bilyeu
Ernie Boswell
Joyce Bousman

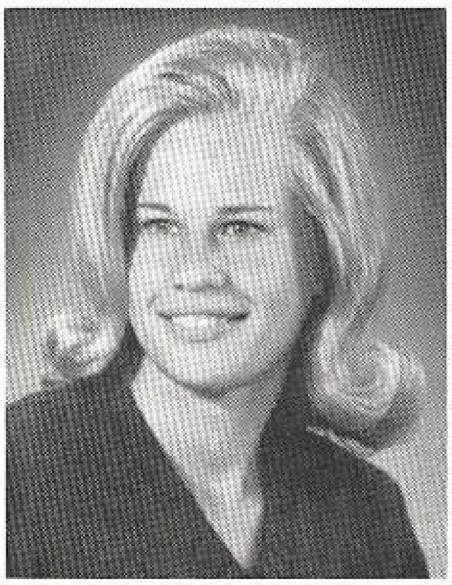
Valedictorian Joe Orr Said Farewell



Joe Orr, popular pace-setter who ranked academically Number One among the 125 graduates of Fruita's Class of '69, receives his diploma from Counsellor Mr. Charles Everett. Joe's valedictory address examined the tremendous challenges facing youth today.

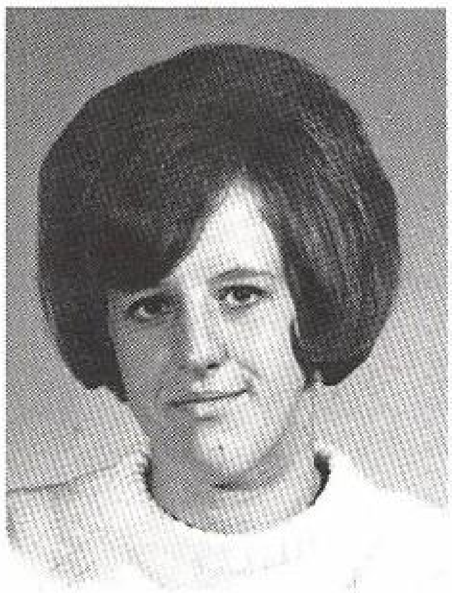


Don Bristol



Kathi Buhler

Yvonne Bunnell



Gail Burwell

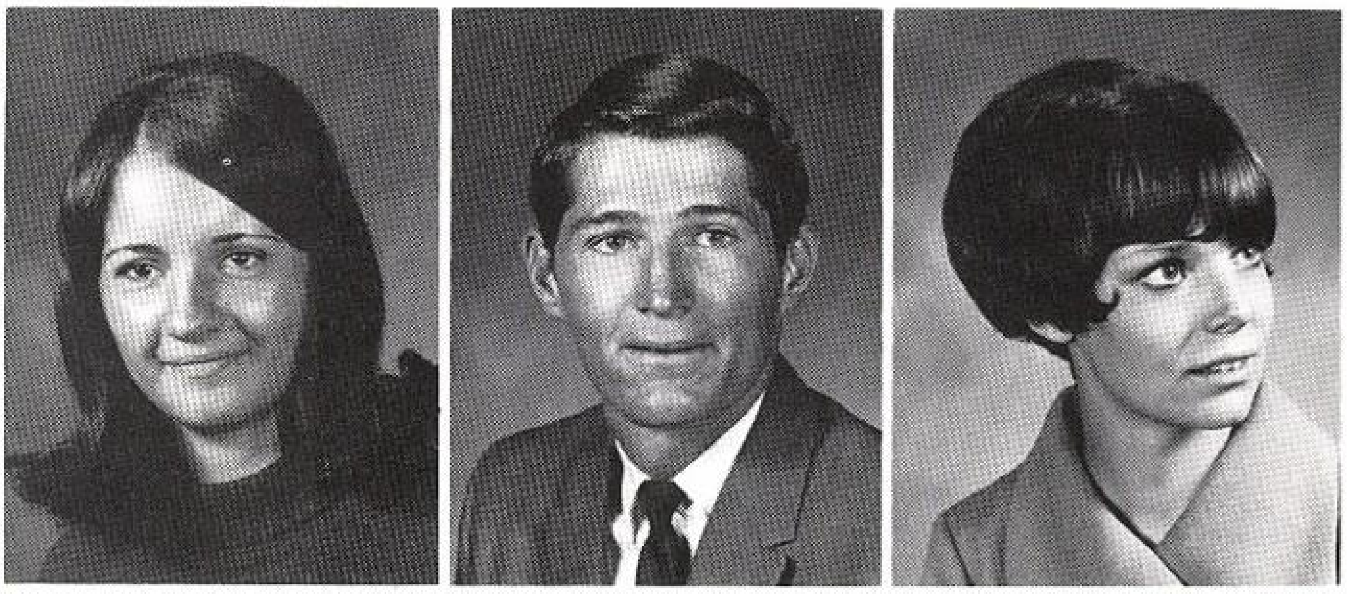
April galvanized seniors with a sudden shock; they found themselves with too much time left and too little money in the sock to spring for a jovial jaunt on sneak day. Creative Class of '69ers overacted, stampeding into such explosive fund-raising projects as the car-bash, which netted $1.65, and Slave Day, which garnered grads less than $5. Unable to conjure up needed green for a romp in the sun, would-be graduates shared a common misery and became united as a class once again. Principal Walden H. George levied an assessment against each member of the class, and on May 16, seniors had their fabulous bake-in at Glenwood Springs. Class sponsors Mr. Marion Littlepage, Mr. David Silver, Miss Janice Porath and Mr. Leonard Davis accompanied tireless upperclassmen whose vocal renditions of *Henry the Eighth* ricocheted endlessly through the buses.

FHS Cheered Grads

Solid leadership from Class President Paul Kochevar and associate officers — Gene Shaw, vice-president; Sherri Arbogast, secretary, and Tim Tomlinson, treasurer — revitalized seniors who had entered FHS three years before as fired-up Wildcats whose exuberant unity developed a serious schism. Together again at the end, seniors shared a wealth of memories, a sadness at leaving familiar ways and places and a new surge of energy appropriate for the years ahead. As sophomores, the Class of '69 was a moving, swinging group with fantastic class loyalty. Ten of their number wore *State Champs* emblazoned across the heralded "F" on letter sweaters as a result of their early spirited participation in Wildcat encounters. Zest was best during those first months. Filled with a new, shimmering excitement, that beginning seems hazy now.

Paul Kochevar Led Traditional Tassel Shift

Janette Clark
Gearld Clawson
Joyce Cole
Mickey Cox
Patty Crespin



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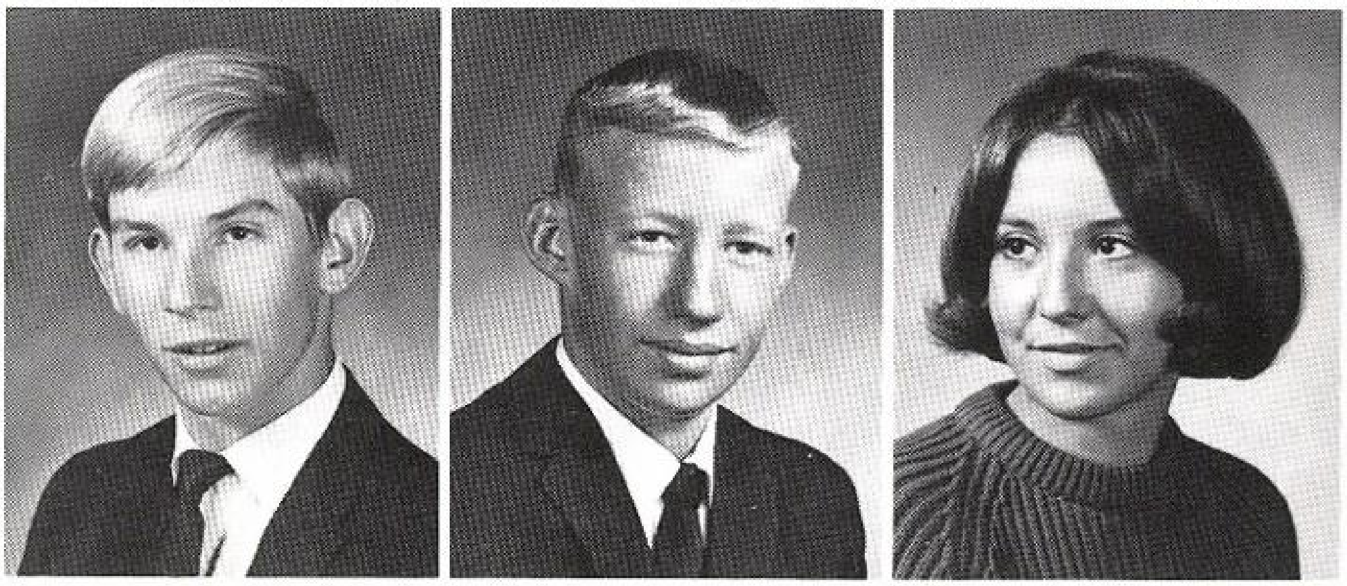
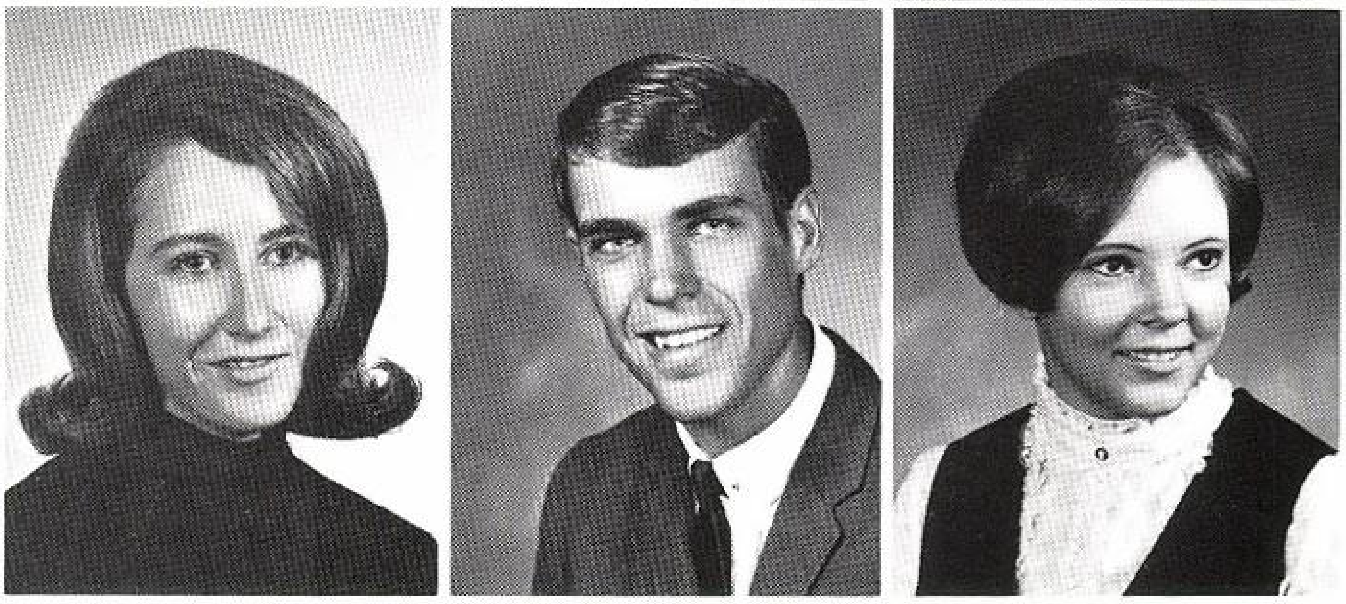
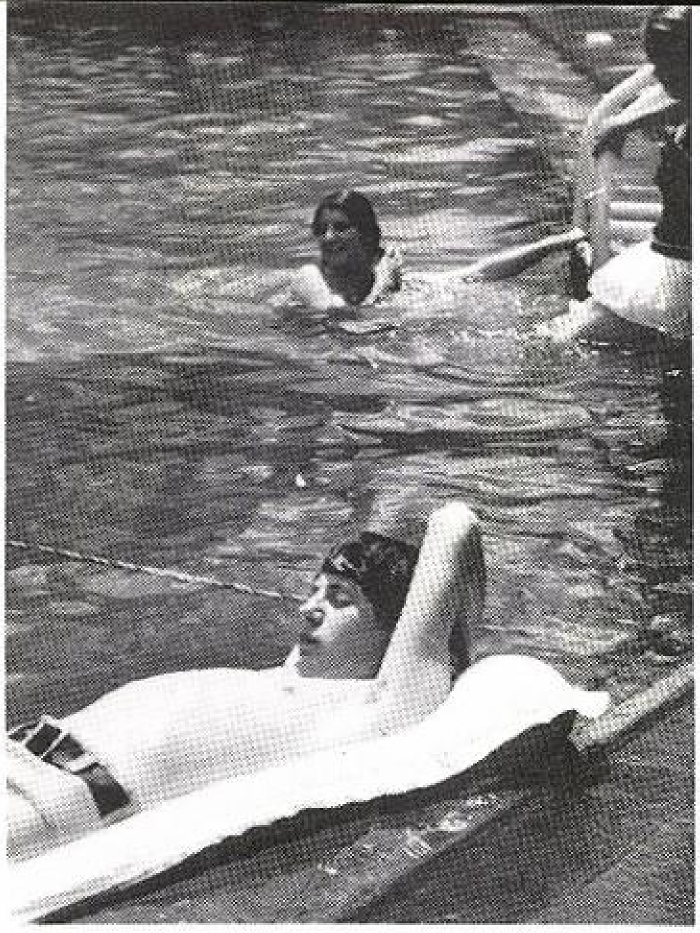
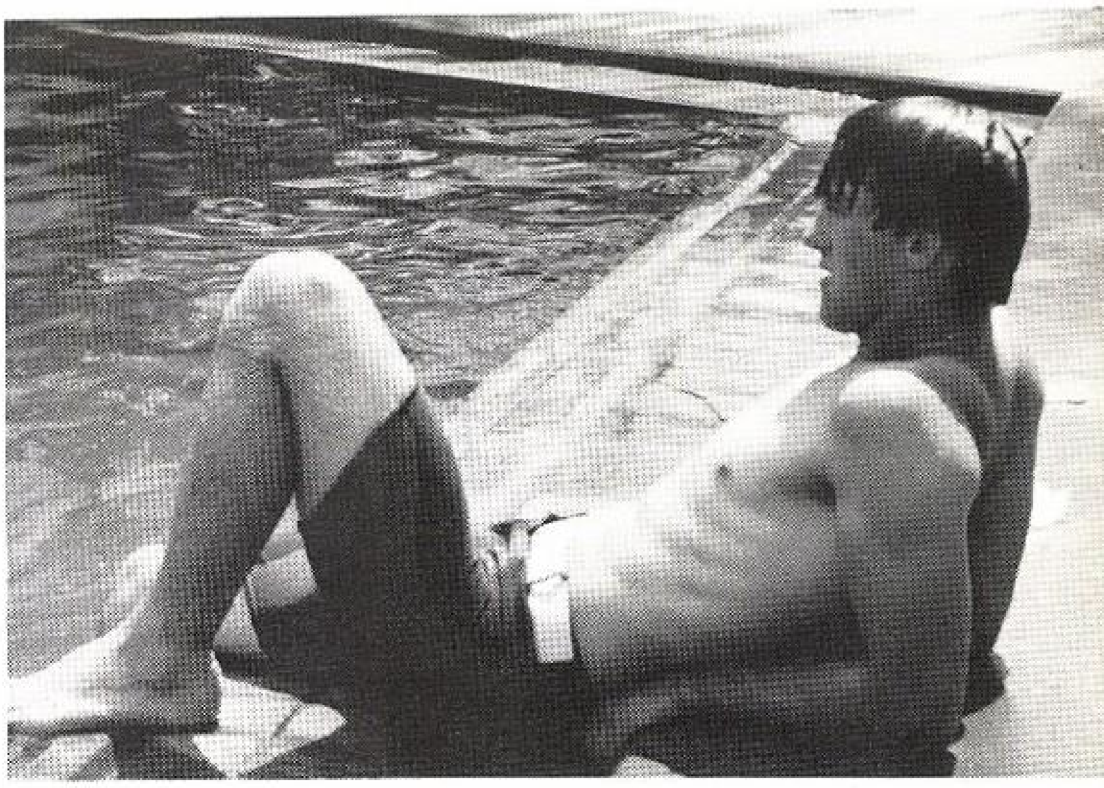
Dan Daniels
Linda Davis
Charlotte Dick
Donna Dickerson

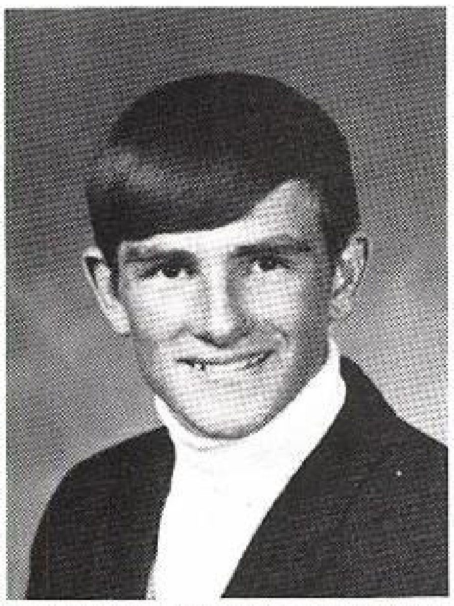


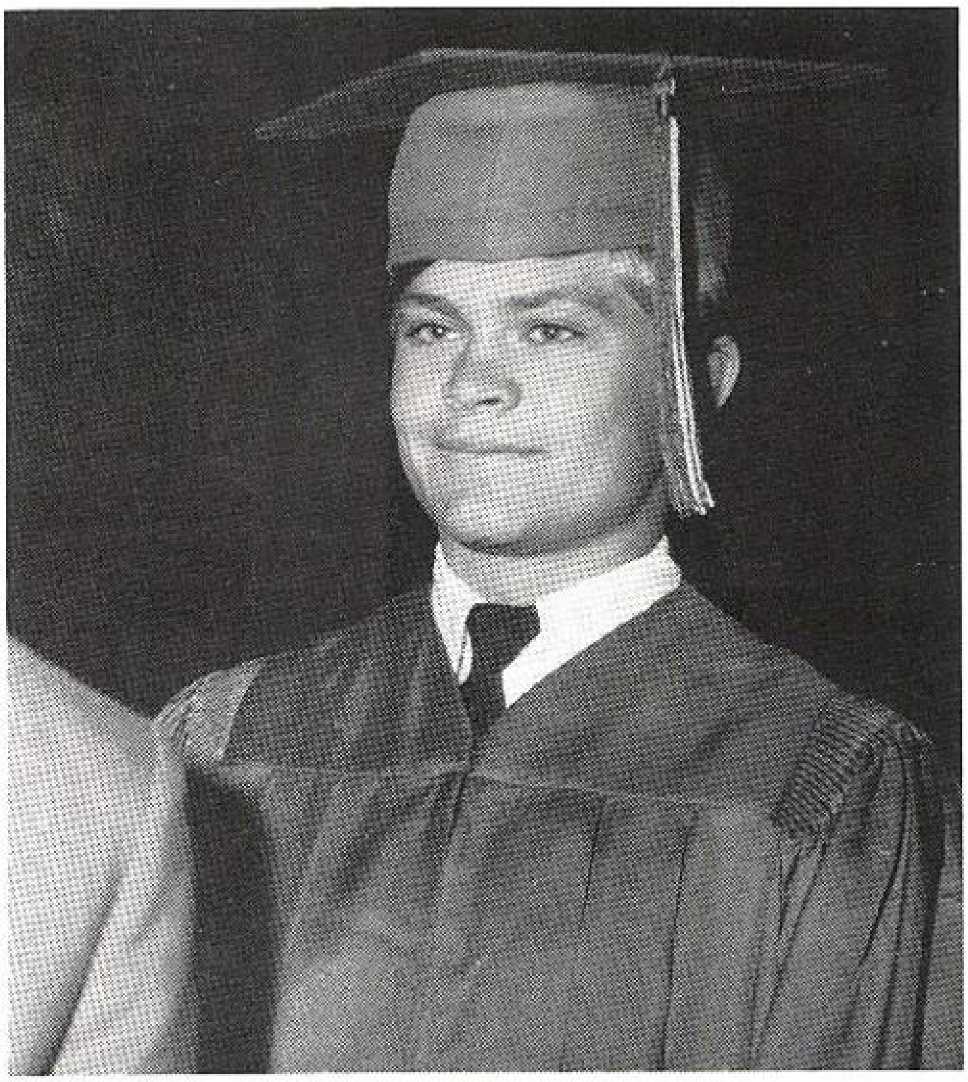
Sheryl Downer
Glenn Erkman
Carol Ann Fry
Gaylene Garlitz
Verlan Goss

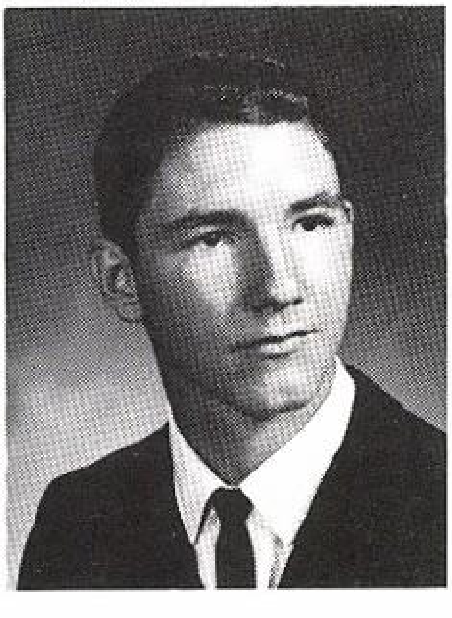








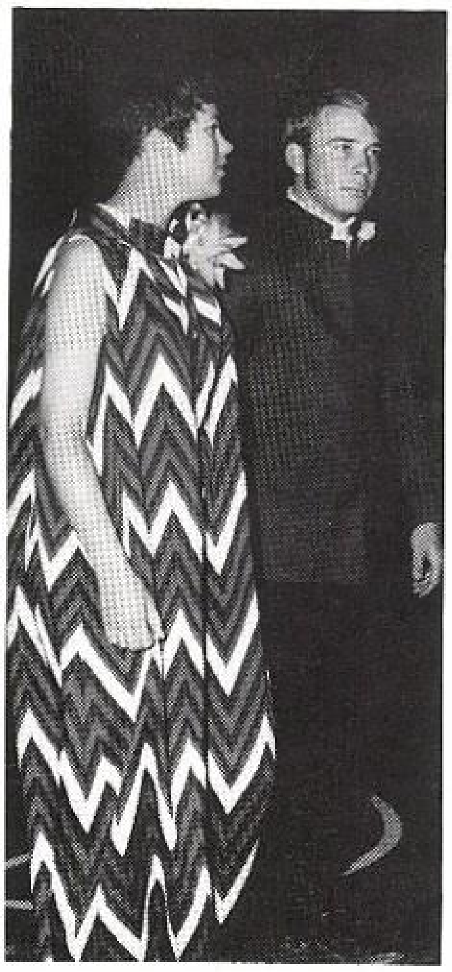


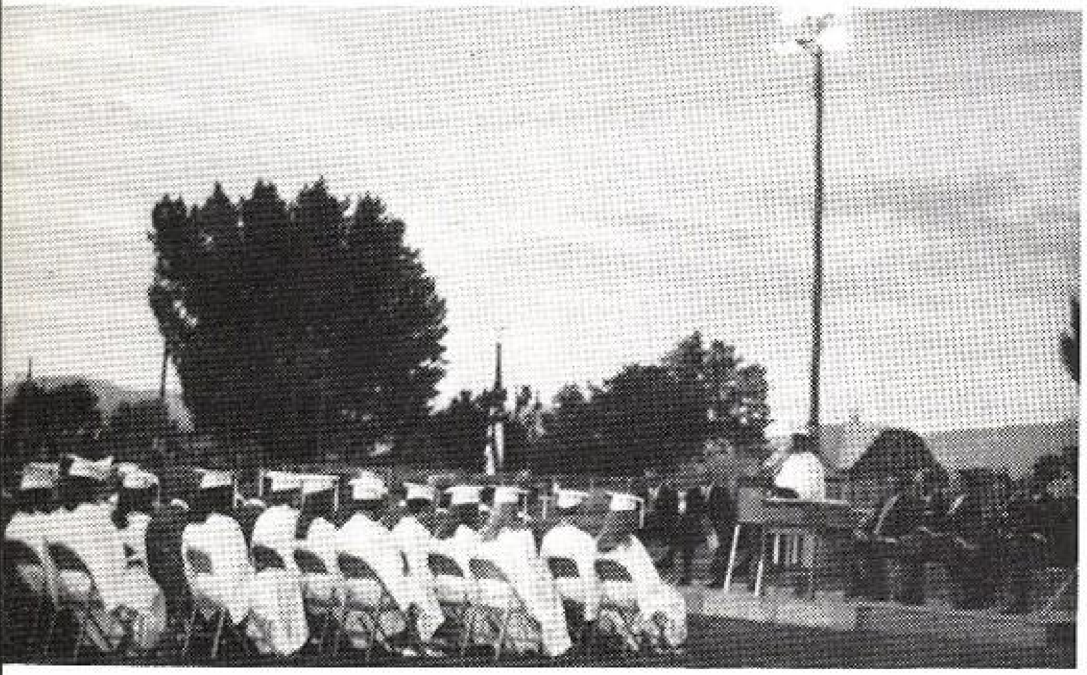


Clyde Haller, top left, with Joann Jacquez and Kathi Buhler, did his thing in style at Glenwood Springs. Clyde was a magnetic salesman when seniors hustled lollipops throughout halls and classrooms on Sucker Day. The candy caper proved to be a senior winner which added more than $40 to the class treasury for the May swim-fest.

Stan Koziol, top right, water-logged but happy, dried off at poolside after helping toss several squeeling girls into the heated deep. A veteran athlete whose prowess contributed much to Fruita's singular string of victories on the gridiron, Stan also never failed to win a part in dramatic stage offerings over the years.

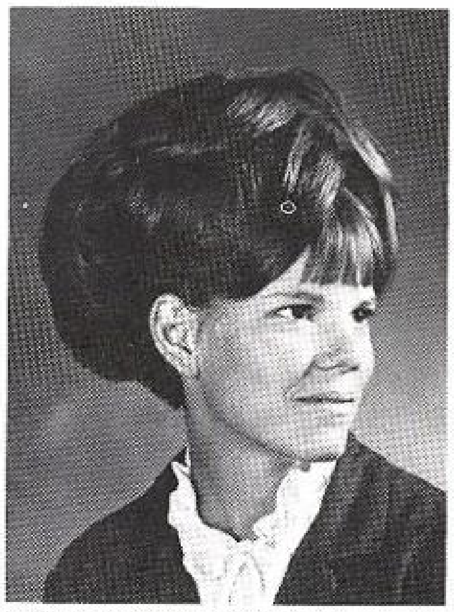
Dapper Swany Monger, above, reflected the mutual joy experienced by the entire Class of '69 graduation evening. For a short break in time, the world seemed at peace that June 5 night as the sun rested gently on the horizon, then left graduates aglow. Happy seniors chatted idly before solemn ceremonies led to the end.

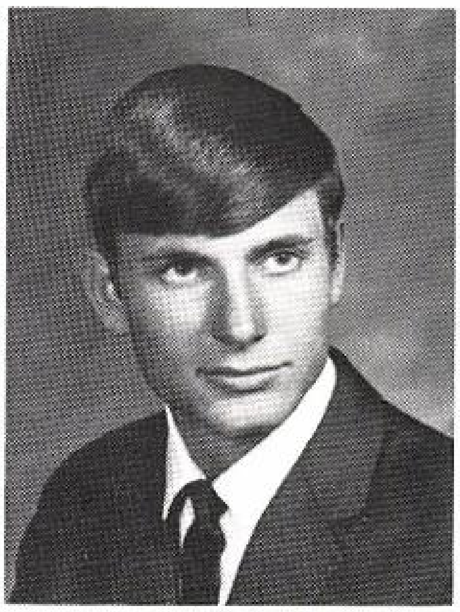


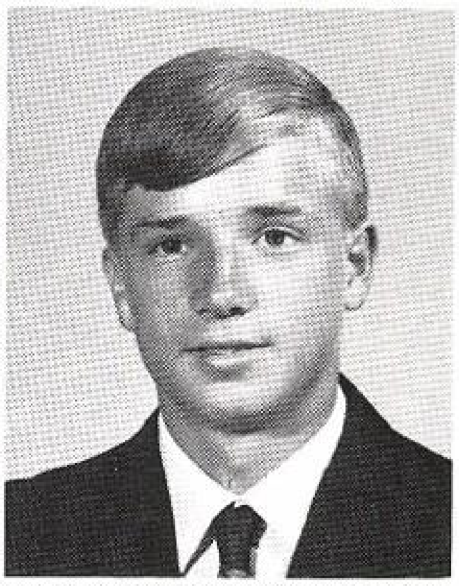


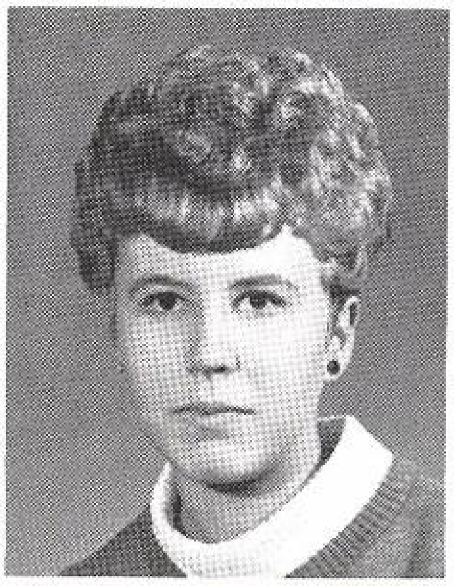
Sleek Neta Young, top left, Future Farmers of America Sweetheart, sparkled at the banquet prior to prom time. Gary Barcus, her companion at the table, basked in her beauty. Bryan Beck and lovely wife Karla followed revelers to Camelot. Salutatorian Patty Maluy, above, thanks parents, teachers, community and friends for the limitless opportunities offered members of Fruita's Class of '69.

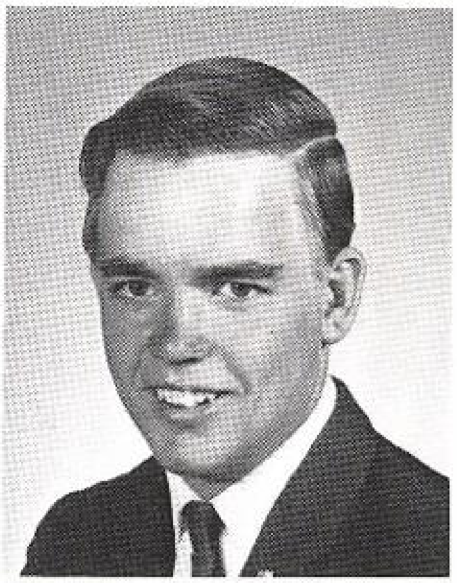
New to the Wildcat scene in '66, Class of '69ers whipped right into a maelstrom of activity. They built a prize-winning float entitled, *Past, Present and Future.* After games and work sessions, sophs crowded the Diner and rafters rang with their laughter. Proud of the Wildcat heritage given them, they loudly and enthusiastically voiced plans for the future. Armory dances were a big feature that year. As juniors, they again constructed the first-place float: *Eat 'Em Up.* But the third time was a calamity; their float did not place among four.

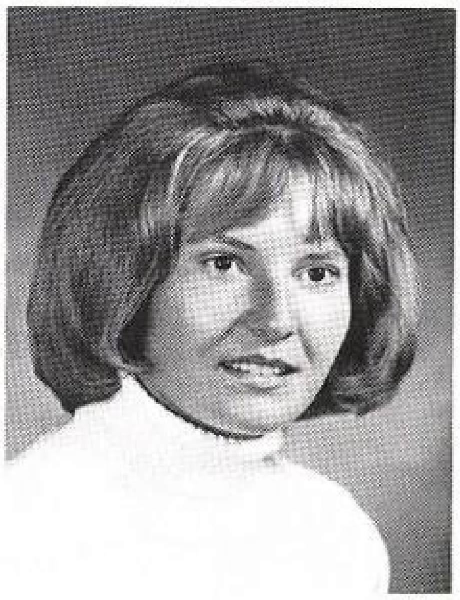




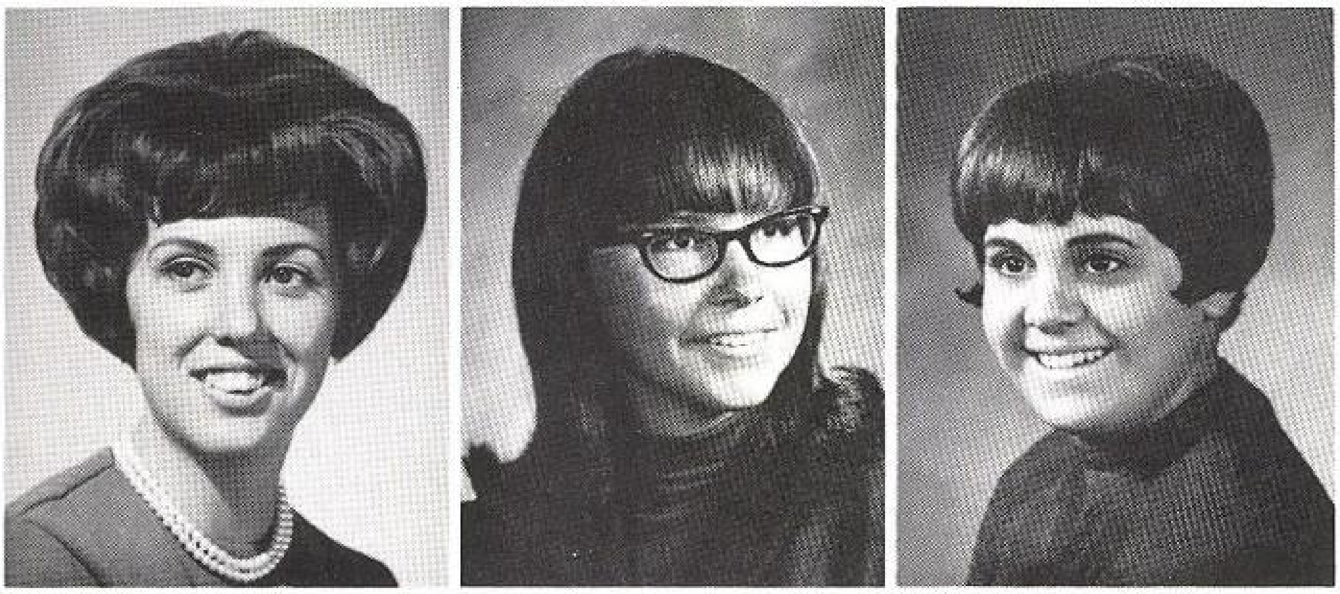








Senior Float Inspired Awe, Fear, Pity



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Marie Hartman
Jeanne Heiny

Barbara Hill
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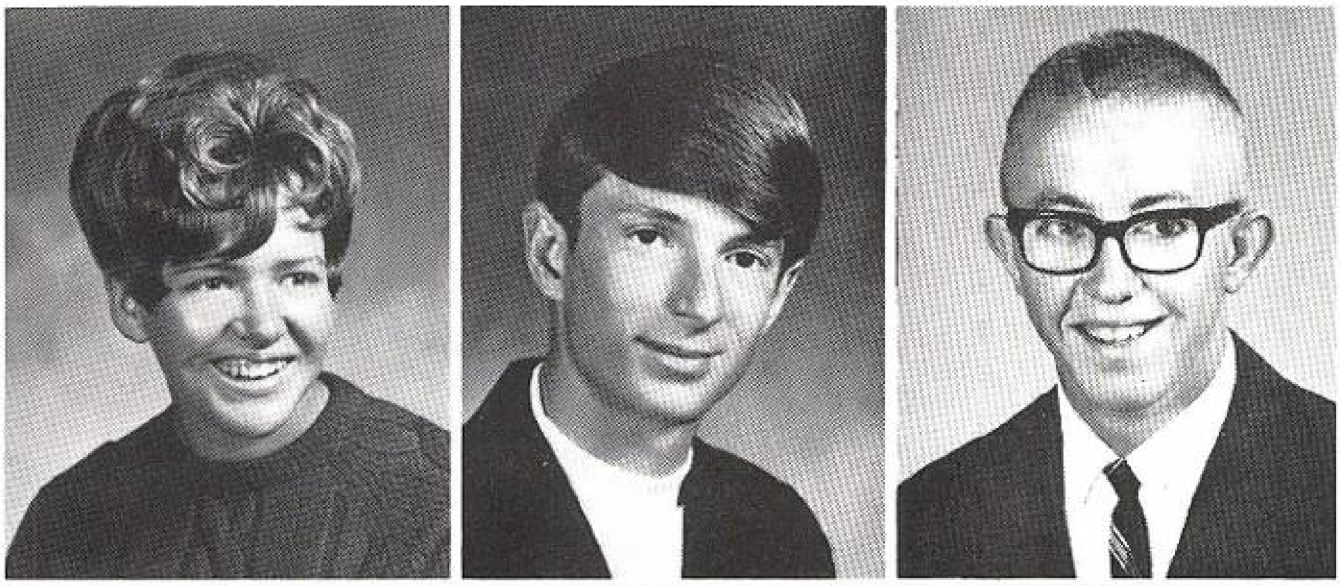
Vickie Holt
Diane Hull
Joann Jacquez



Sheila Jennings
Jon R. Johnston
Faye Kelley
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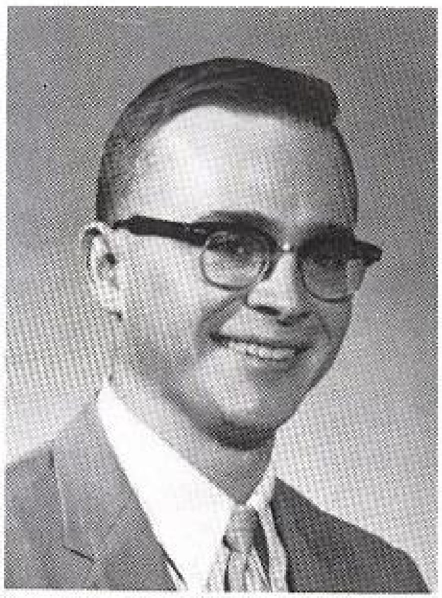
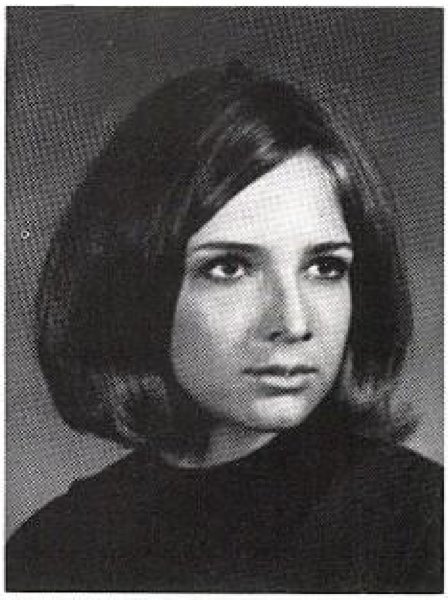
Michael Kelley
Bruce Kettle

Leona Kettle
Susan Kettle
Paul Kochevar
Paula Kochevar
Mike Koenig

A Rich Legacy, Bagatelles Remained Behind

Cheryl Lorimer
Roger Mackey
Patty Maluy
Terry Marinelli
Robert Martin

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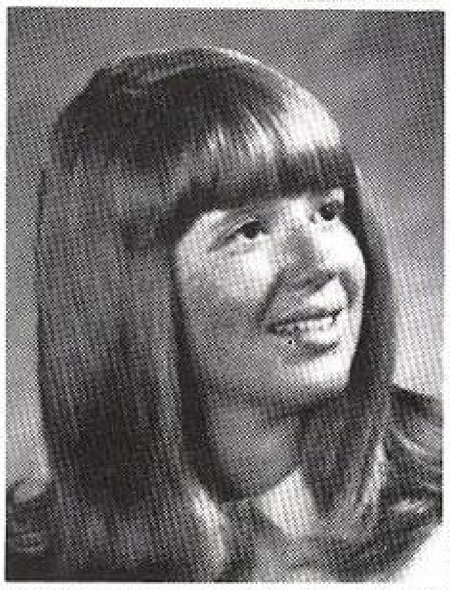
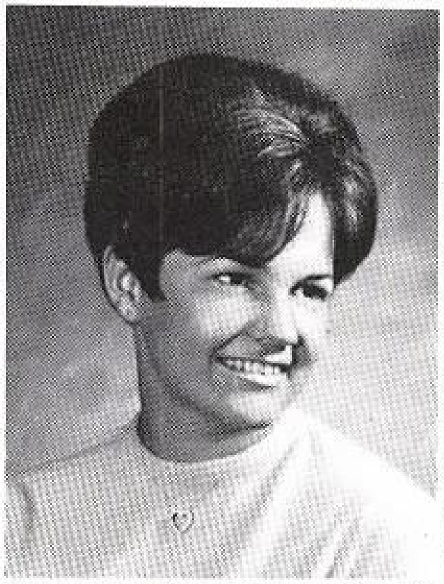
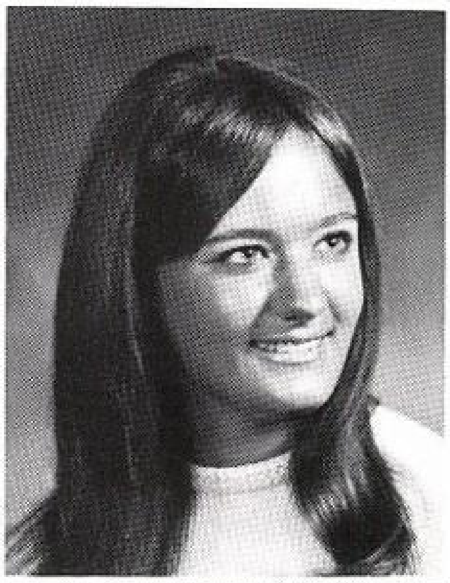
Ruth Mendenhall
Fred Meyer

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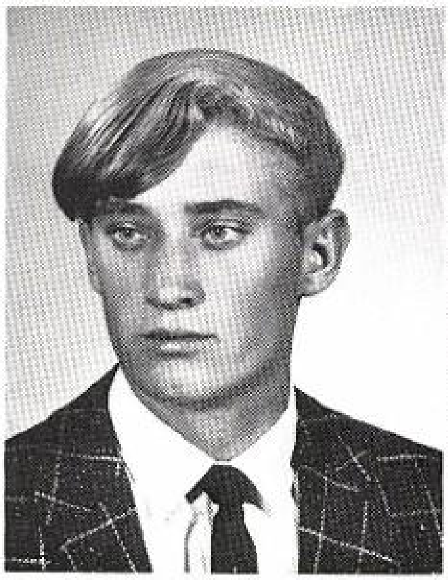
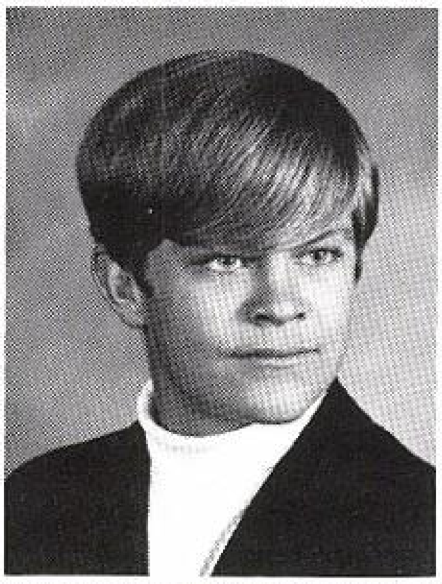
Joe Muths
Larry Noetzelmann

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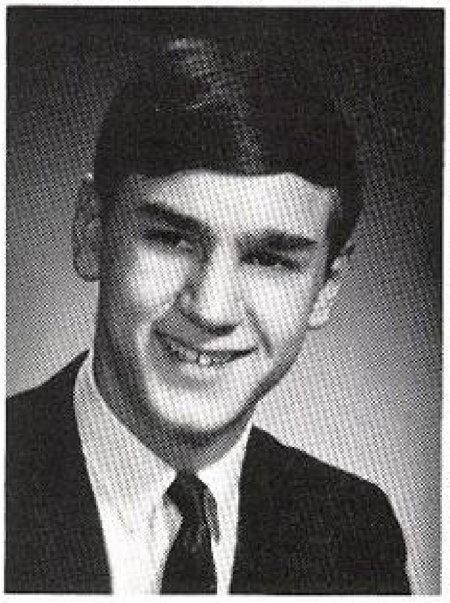
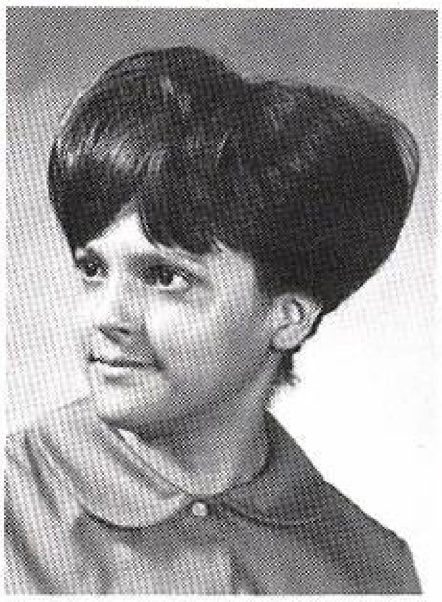
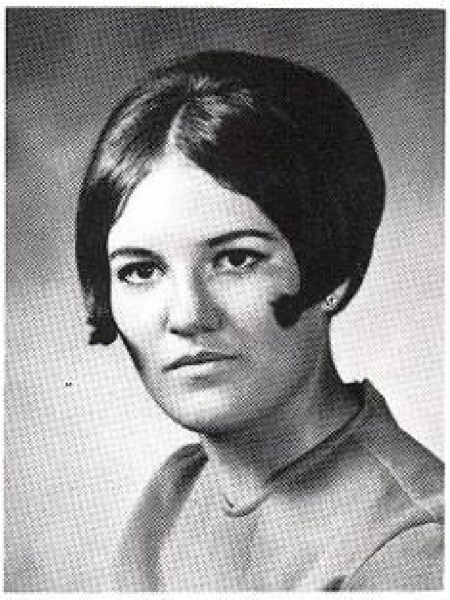
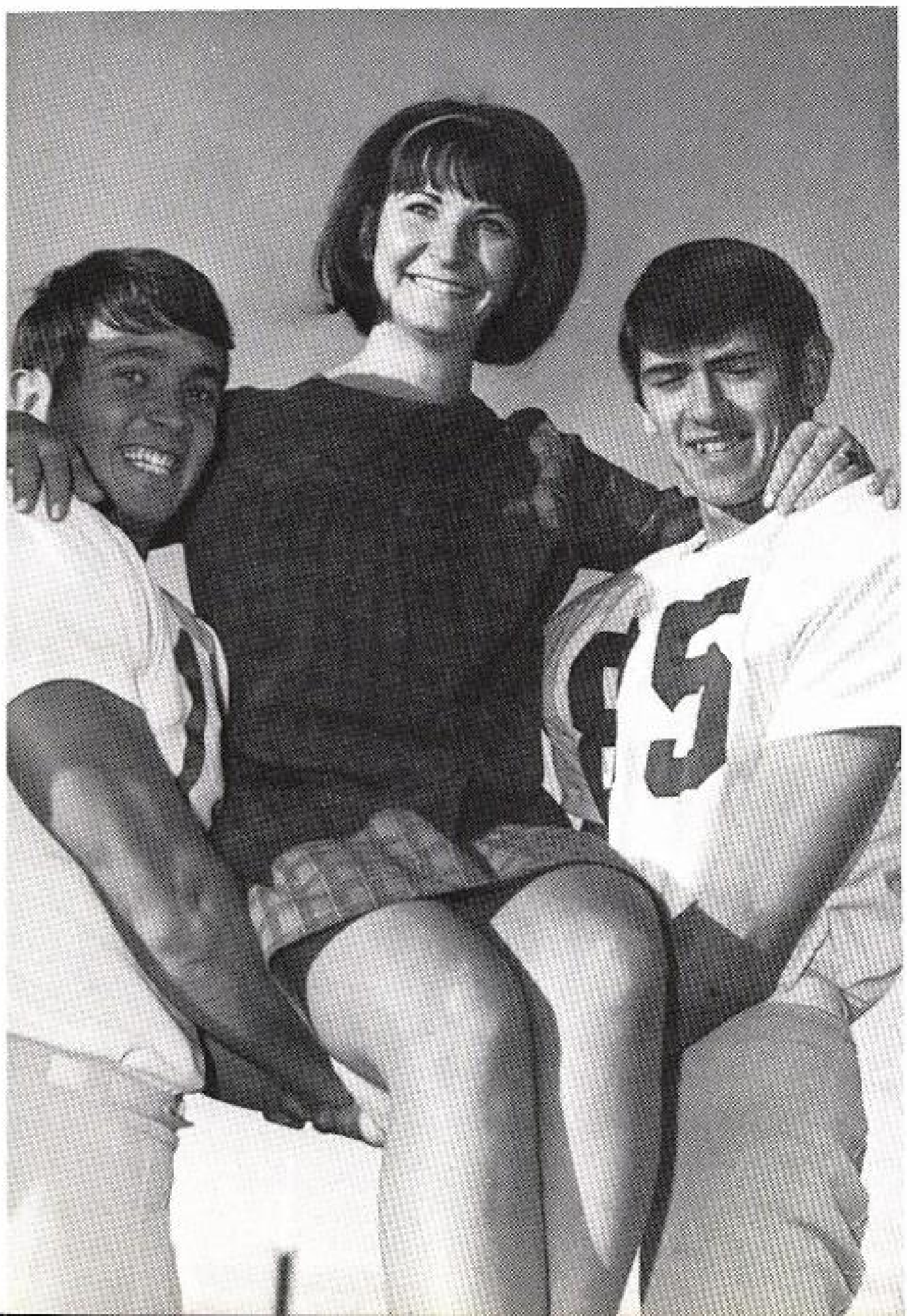
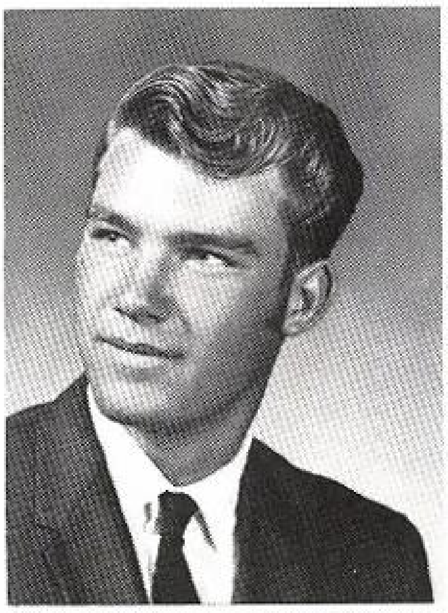
Nancy Pehrson
Dale Pullins

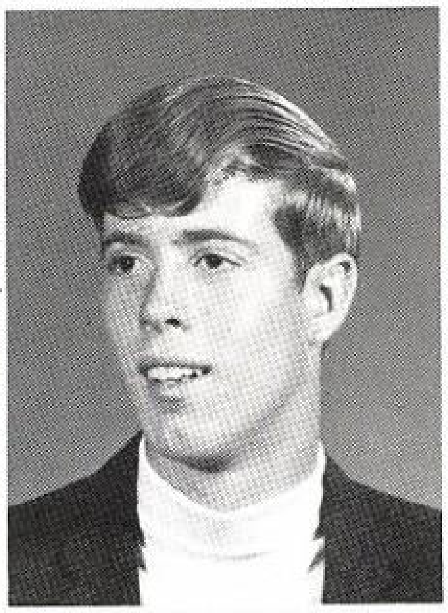




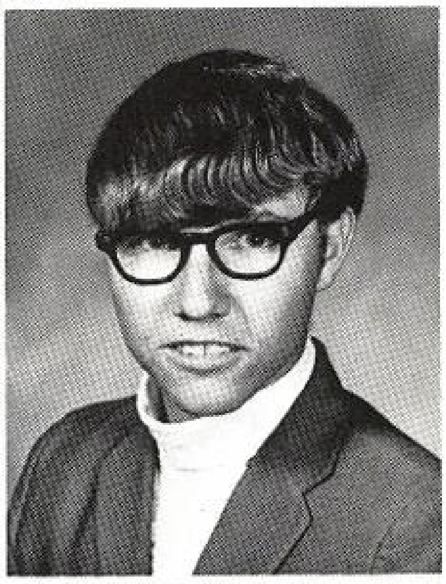
Feathering their caps with a continuing series of coups, the Class of '69 aced out veteran 'Cats time and again, accomplishing wonders on a diet of Coke and French fries. Faye Kelley chalked up the only failure when she applied for the job of waterboy with Fruita's grid stars and was turned down. As new Wildcats, '69ers helped Fruita place second in KEXO's Spirit Week competition, although there was a time when cheerleaders awarded the class a skunk as booby prize for being so mealy-mouthed at assemblies. But cheers grew loud; skits seemed funny and most of all — spirit went sky-high. Championship came into style.

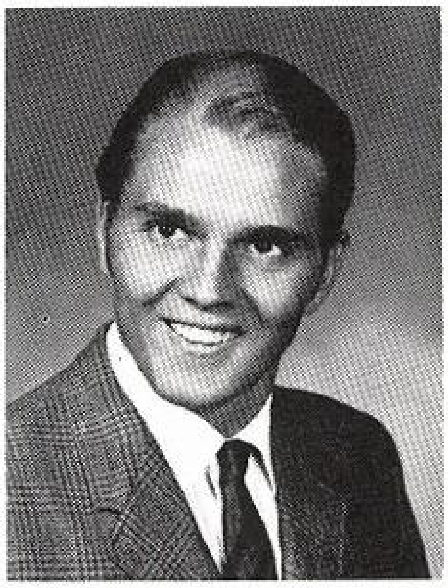
Champions again in '69, Fruita's pigskin eleven, coached by Mr. Gerald Zybura and co-captained by Dennis Retherford and Norman Vincent, went after the Gunnison Valley League crown like a team possessed. Below are Dennis and Tim Tomlinson with Janet Rowe, superb senior attendant to the Wildcat homecoming queen.

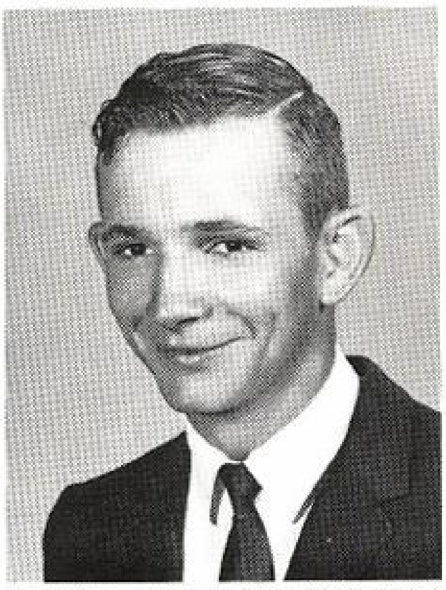


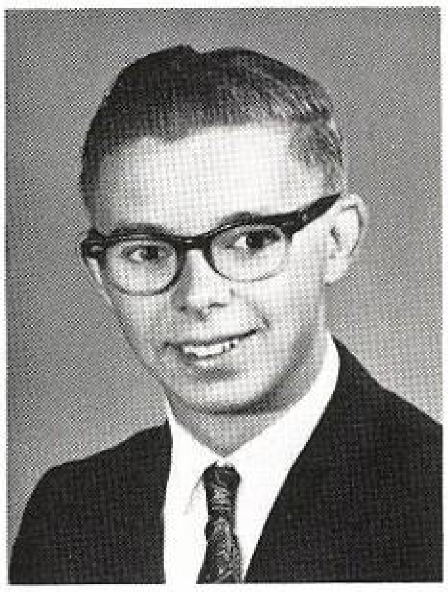


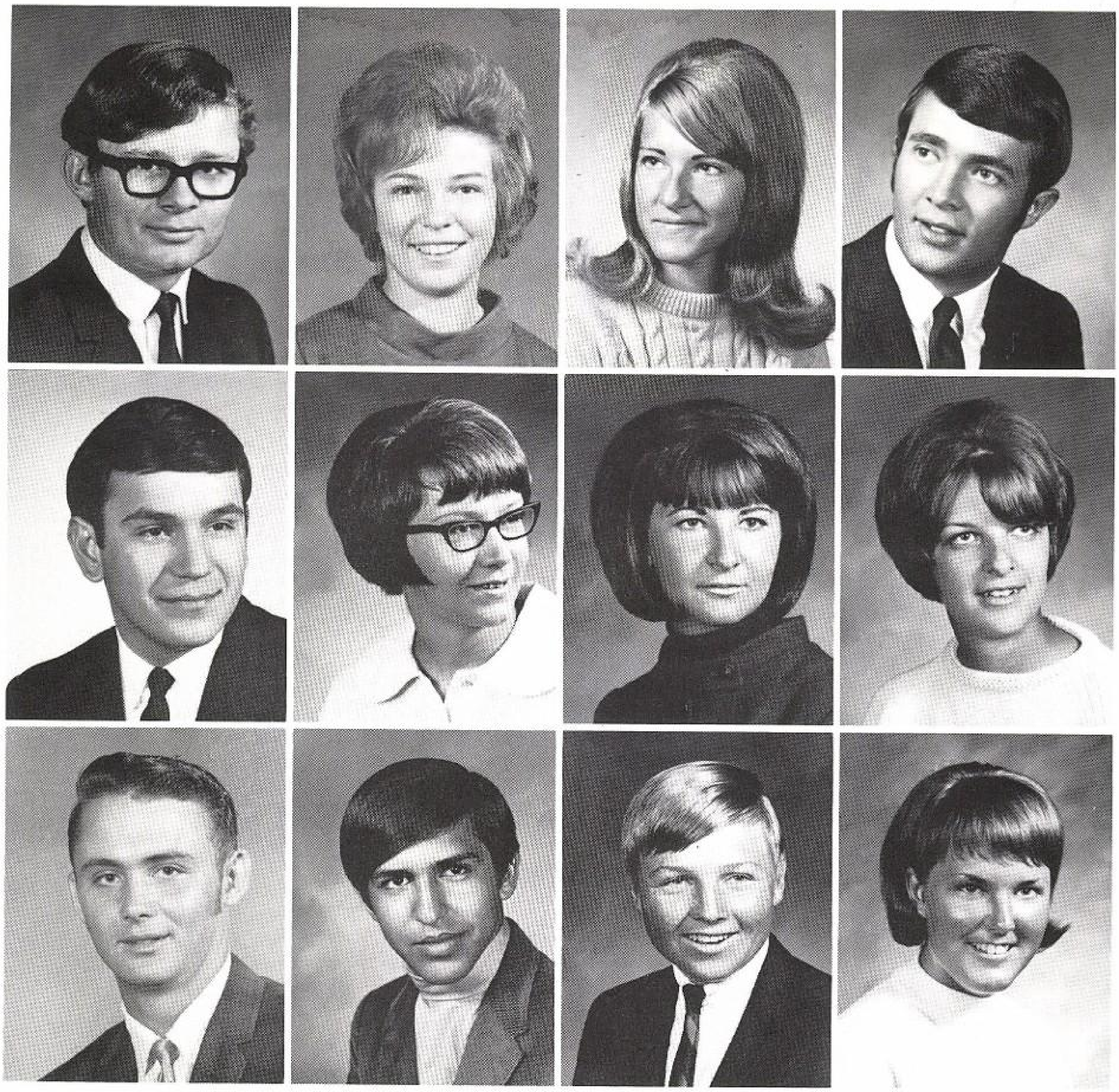






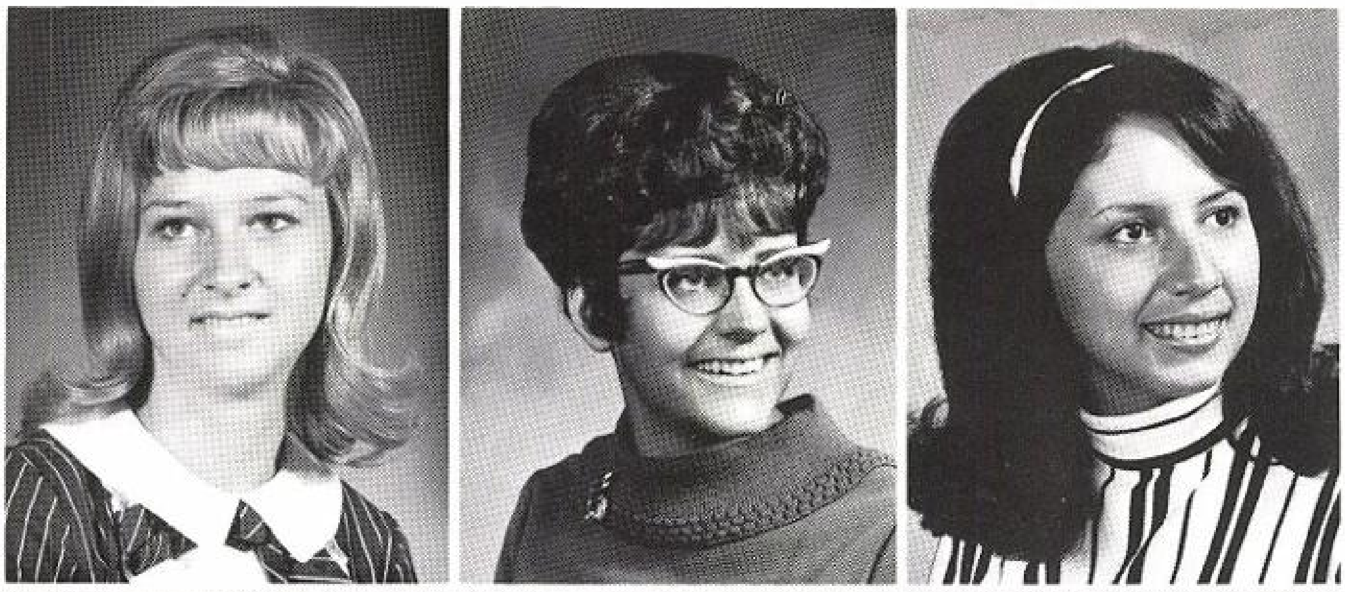






Joe Orr: John Philip Sousa Award

Kathi Buhler



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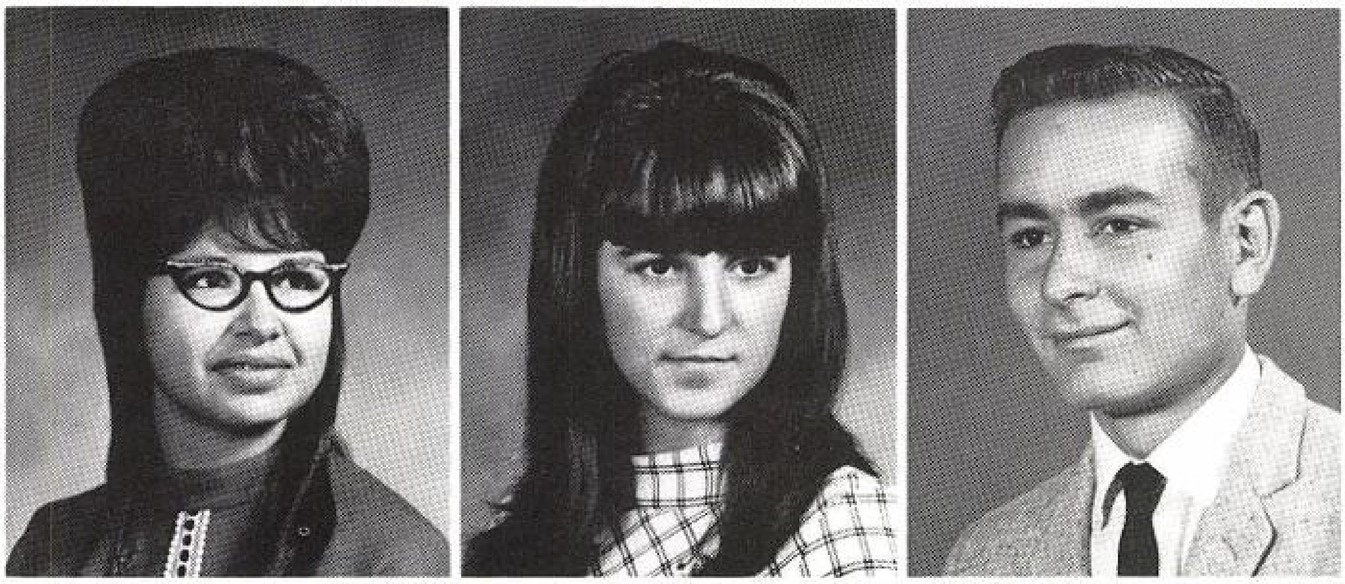

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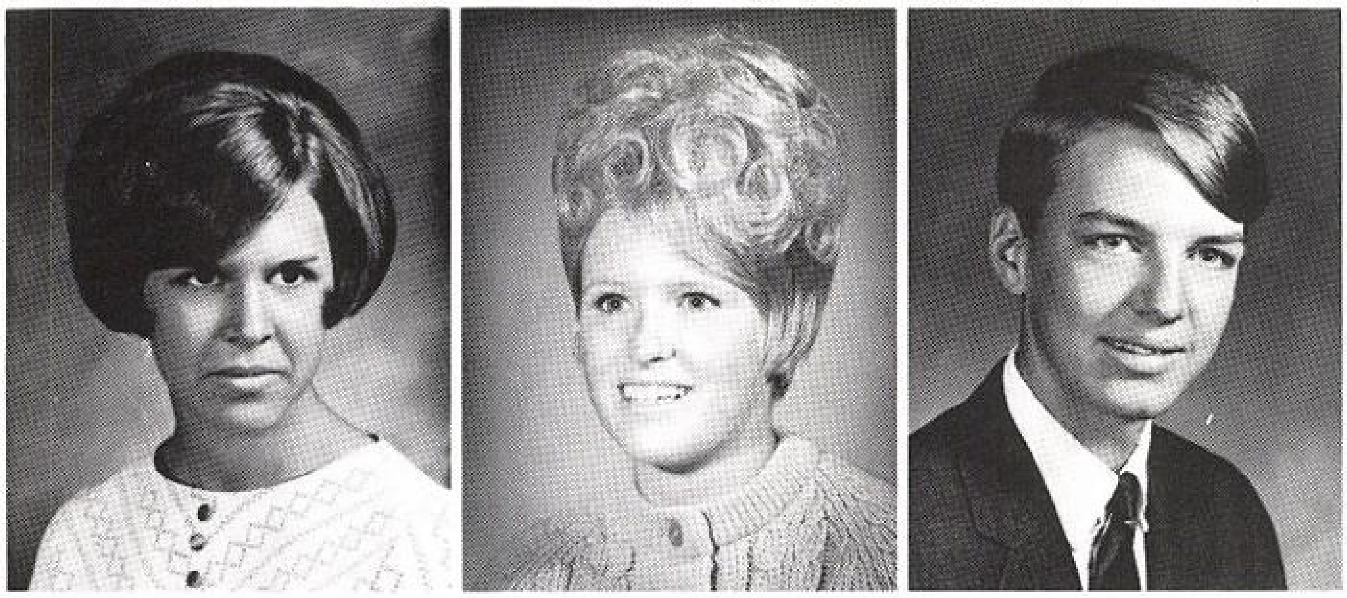
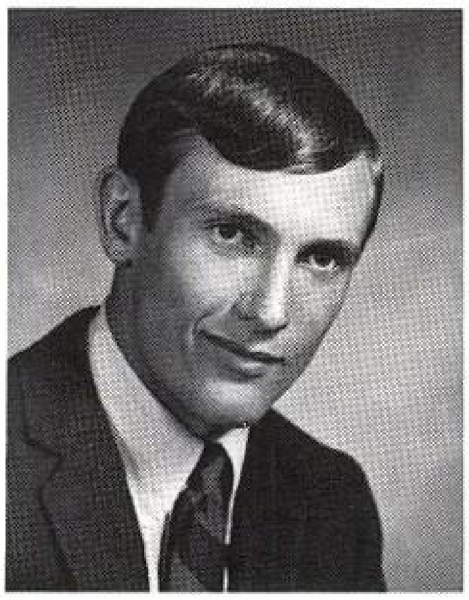
Rosabell Sanchez
Starlet Kay Sanchez
Robert Sasser



Steve Seal
Eddie Serrano
Gene Shaw
Janet Siddens
Marlene Smith
Sharla Smith
Larry Stutler

Graduates Wrote the Final Maple Street Saga

With graduation, departing seniors wrote finis to a 33-year history of Wildcats on Maple Street — a history steeped in fine tradition, academic achievement and the abracadabra of magic days among the old, time-worn halls. Saying goodbye to the friendly rooms called up more than the usual nostalgia. And seniors recalled their early Wildcat days when at the Gunnison football game the band was ordered afield for a victory march as soon as the final gun sounded. What a mob of bandsmen, football players and happy fans that was! They remembered, through the mist of time, serving at their first prom, sponsoring a snow ball which they gleefully dubbed Snowball. They were on top of it all! Firecrackers in the girls' locker room, a size thirteen tennis shoe hanging from a window (only to disappear), selling concessions, picking tomatoes, washing cars, sponsoring bake sales — these pleasant, fun-filled events flashed by one last time before graduates bowed to the future and walked away from FHS.



Dan Sullivan

Michele Thistle

Gaylene Garlitz, Michele Thistle, Robert Martin and Dale Tompkins, above.

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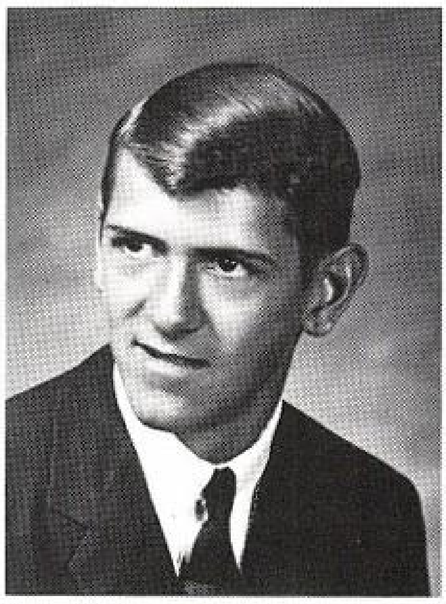
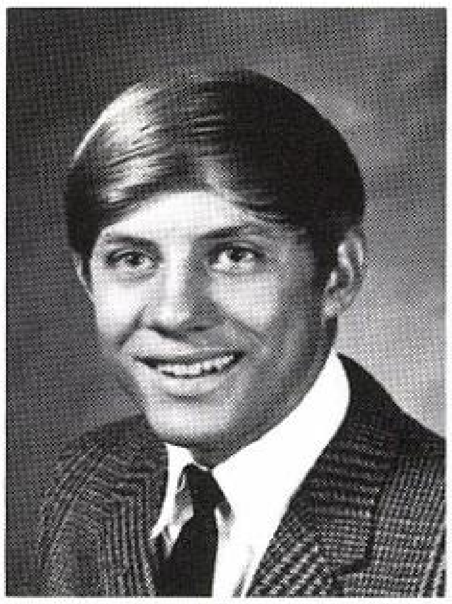
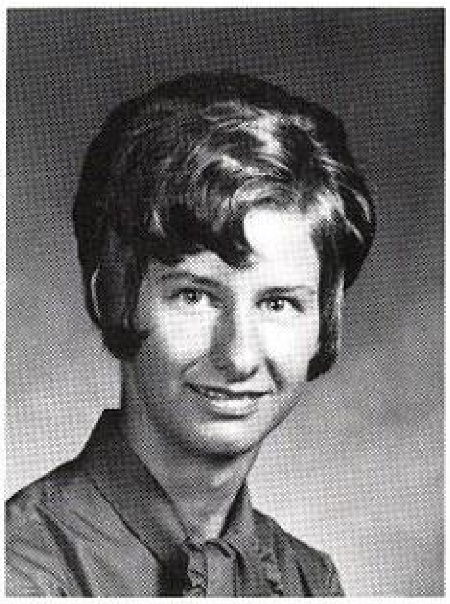
Jeannie Waggoner
Nancy Walters

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Costa Watson
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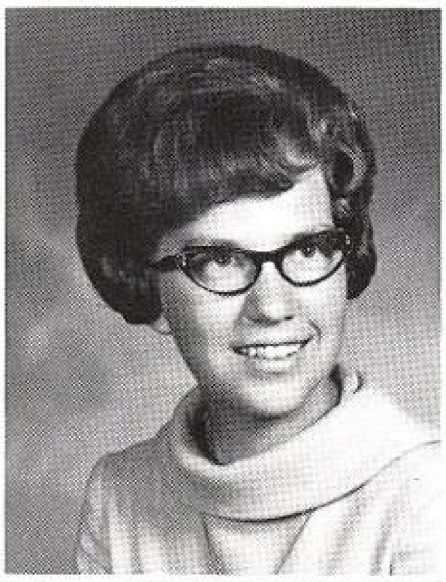
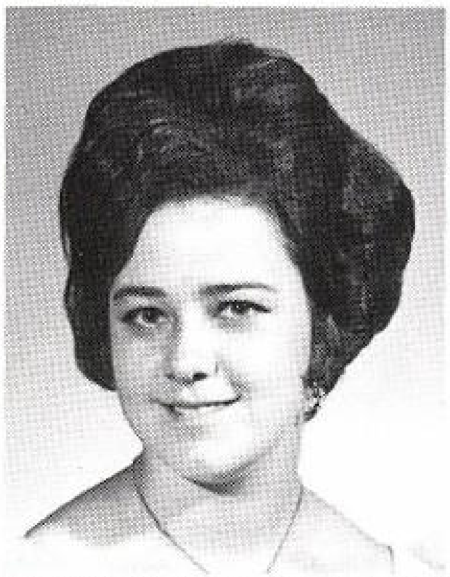
Glenn White
Roger White
Wesley White

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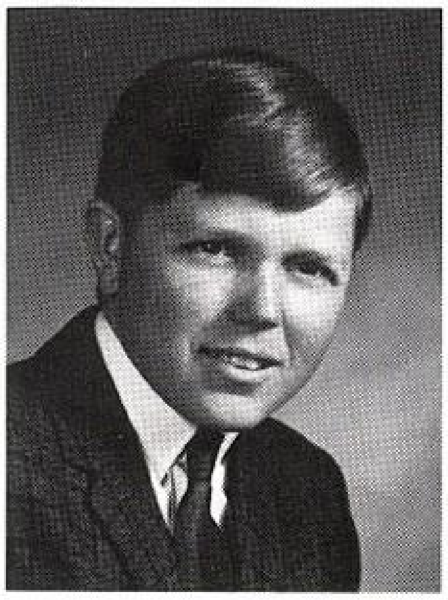
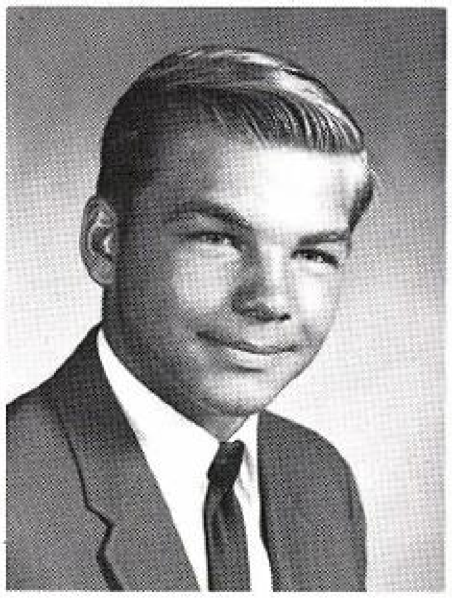
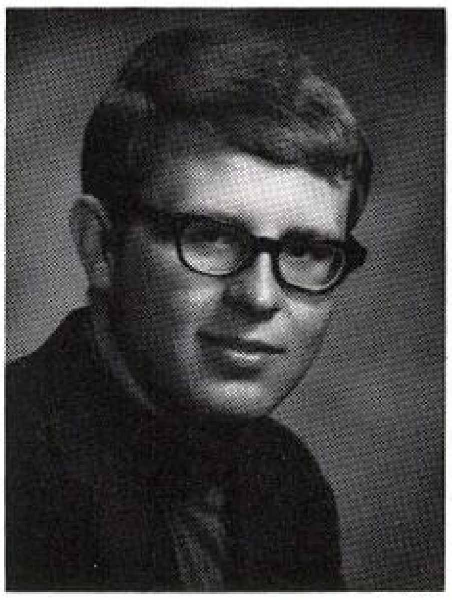
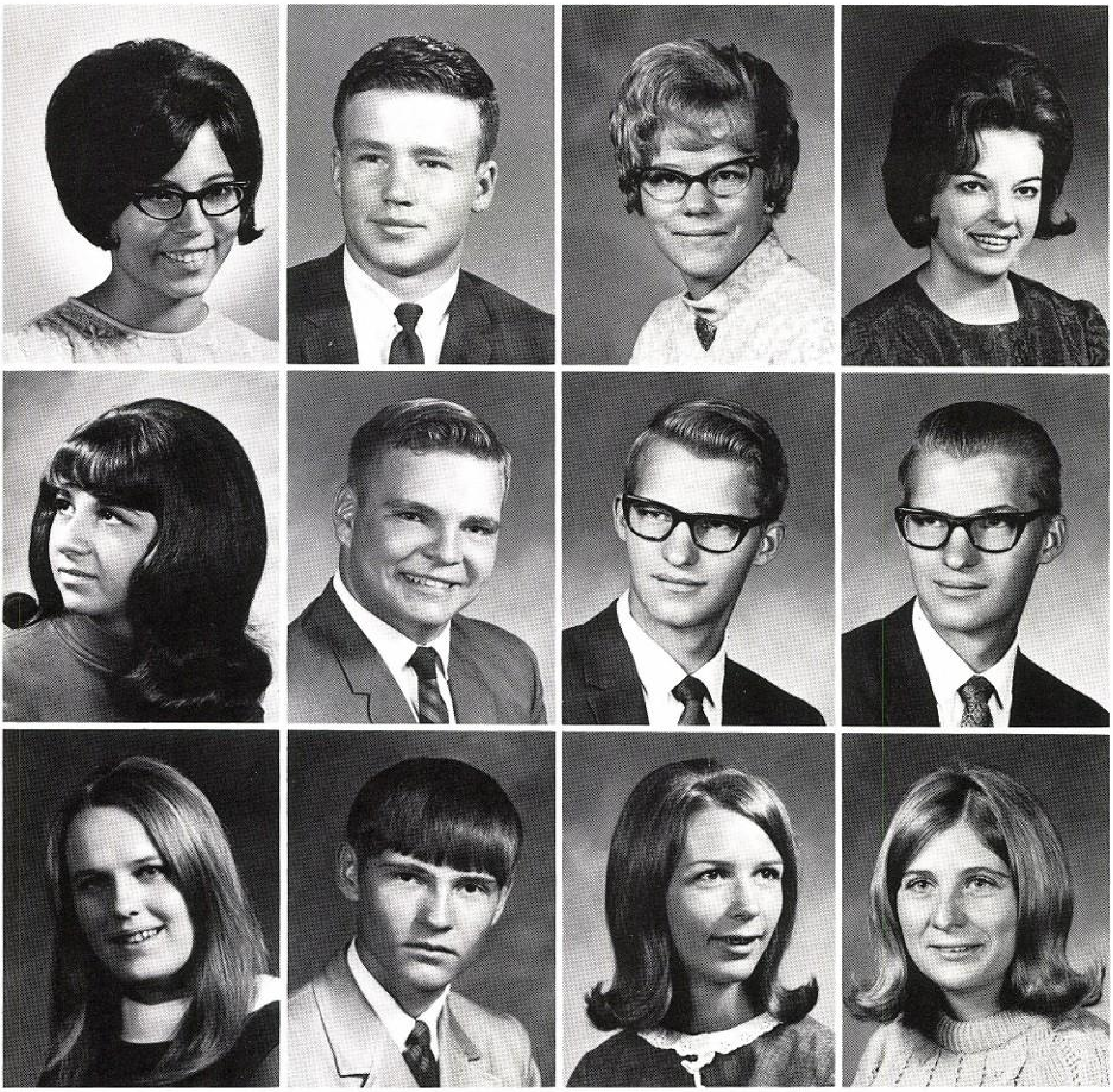
Fran Young
Neta Young

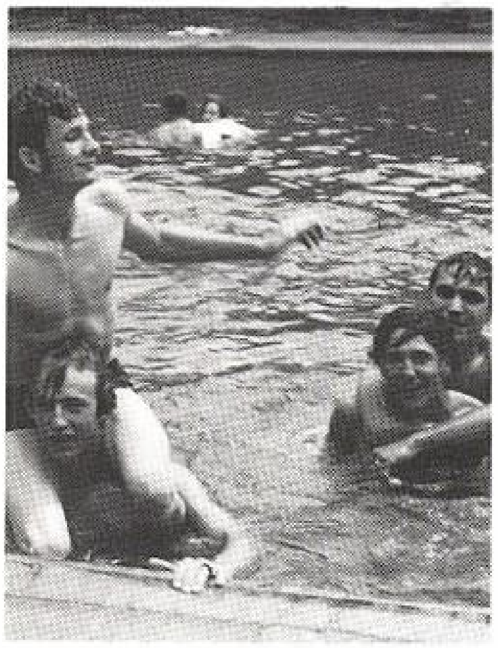
Fruita Packed Phillip Griebel Field in Salute

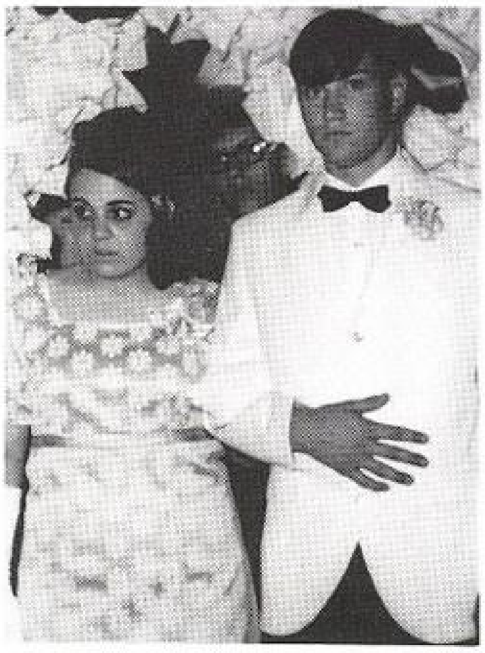
Two-by-two in gowns and mortarboards of blue and white, graduates moved slowly across the green field to complete their finishing touch with a flourish. June 5 peacefully prepared the night; flowers bloomed everywhere, and the evening cooled as *Pomp and Circumstance* set the mood for a grand finale. Poignant moments of the past must have surfaced during that pleasant evening: registrations, leaf fights on the lawn, winter's frigid fun, hurried lunches, nights all silver and blue, Pep Club buses filled with tinkling laughter, a party at the dump burning float decorations, Group W, Wildcat Christmas — such happy times. Pressed in the pages of memory, highlights of days gone by shined vividly for a moment. Graduates who listened carefully could hear from the past Chief Richard Walker say, "One of our 'Cats got a little carried away last week . . ." Handshakes, laughter, a few tears, and twelve years ended.

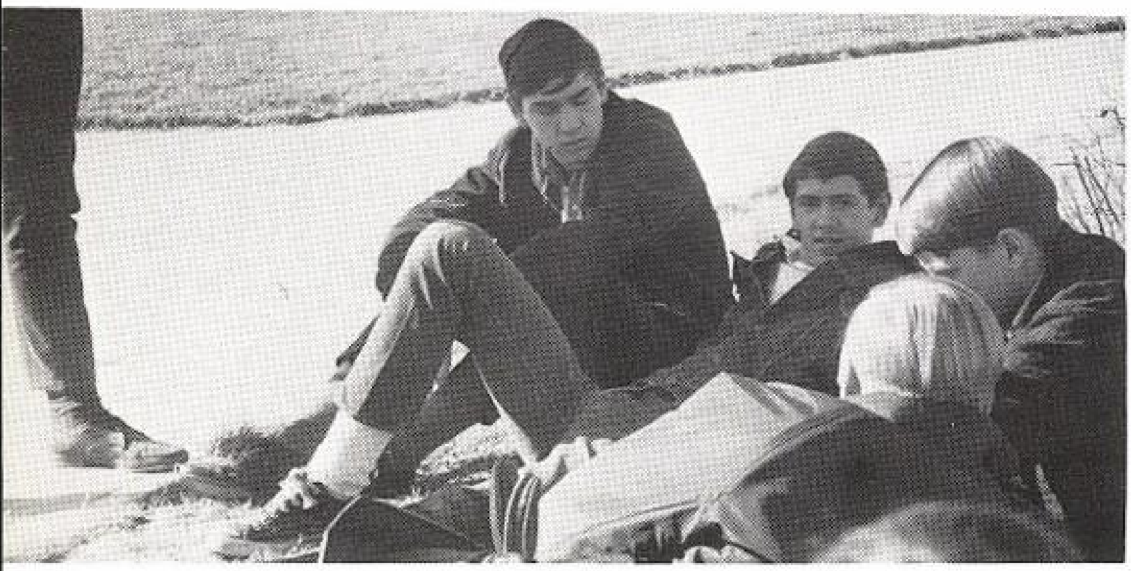


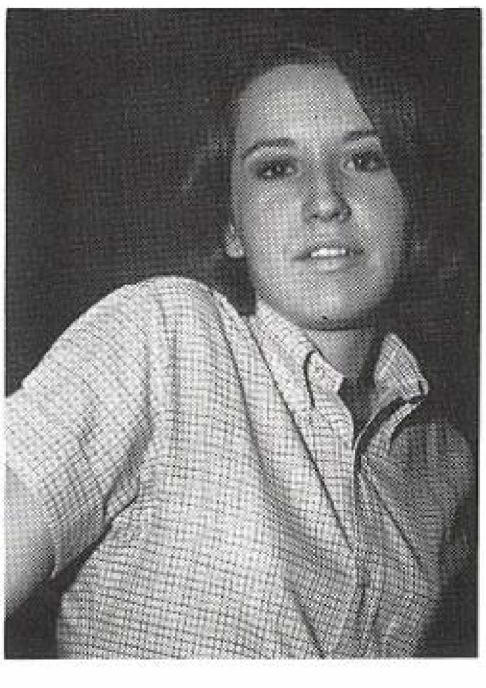
Atop the

Fruita High School, Class of '69
Colors: Grape and White
Flower: Orchid
Motto: "If You Can't Find A Way — Make One"
Officers: Paul Kochevar, president; Gene Shaw, Vice-president; Sheryl Arbogast, Secretary; Tim Tomlinson, Treasurer.
Valedictorian: Joe Orr
Salutatorian: Patty Maluy
Advisers: Miss Janice Porath, Mr. David Silver, Mr. Marion Littlepage, Mr. Leonard Davis.









SHARLYN LOUISE ALLEN: Art Club 4; Drill Team 3,4; Mathematics Award 4.

SHERYL ANNE ARBOGAST: Drill Team 2; FHA 2 — Treasurer; French Club 2,3; GAA 2; IRC 4; Pep Club 2,3; Plays — *Romanoff and Juliet* 3 — Make-up; Prom Queen 4; Science Club 3,4; Senior Class Secretary 4; Ski Club 4; Speech Meet 3; *Wildcat* Staff 4 — End Sheet, Division Pages Editor.

CALVIN TIMOTHY ARPKE: Band 2,3,4; FFA 2,3,4; Tennis 2.

BOB BANGERT: Basketball 4; Weight-lifting 3,4; Aurora High School, Aurora, Colorado: *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* State Crew.

BRYAN LESLIE BECK: Band 2,3,4 — Drum Major; Geology Club 3 — President; German Club 2; Mixed Chorus 2,3 — Student Director, President; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2, Lead; *Rip Van Winkle* 3, Lead; *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4, Lead; Swing Choir 3,4 — Vocal Award 4; All-state Band 2,3; All-state Choir 4; TAR Convention 4; Central High School 2.

JOSEPH BERNARD BECKSTEIN: Band 2,3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Track 2,3,4 — Half-mile, 440 Yd. Dash; *Wildcat's Beat* 3,4 — Layout Chief.

SANDRA ELIZABETH BENDER: French Club 2,3 — Secretary; Pep Club 2; National Honor Society 3,4; Science Club 3; TARs 4.

DOUGLAS EUGENE BENNETTS: F-Club 2,3,4; Football 2 — Manager; Wrestling 2,3,4 — 95 lbs., 103 lbs., 112 lbs., 120 lbs.; Sweethearts' Ball King 4; French Club 2.

LINDA KAY BENSON: Drill Team 4; FHA 2; Girls' Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2; *Rip Van Winkle* 3.

BARBARA JEAN BILYEU: Band 2,3,4 — Band Letter 2.

ERNEST BYRON BOSWELL, JR.: F-Club 2,3,4; FFA 2,3,4 — Reporter; German Club 3; National Honor Society 2,3; Plays — *Our Town, The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4, *Wedded But No Wife* 4, Stage Crew; Science Club 2,3,4; Ski Club 4; Student Council 4 — Safety Council Representative; Science Club Cancer Exposition; FFF State Convention 4; National Western Livestock Show 4; District Judging Team 4; People-to-People Exchange, Tri-River; Silver Emblem Award for Livestock 3; Football 2,3,4; Weight-lifting 4; Junior Colorado Flying Farmer 4; Junior Herford Association.

JOYCE EARLEEN BOUSMAN: Drill Team 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Plays — *Our Town* 4, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4, *Fumed Oak* 4; Swing Choir 4; Thespians 4; Stunt

Mountain, Seniors Gloried in the Climb

Night 3.

DONALD JAMES BRISTOL: F-Club 2,3,4 — Vice-president 4; German Club 2; IRC 4; National Honor Society 2; Plays — *Our Town* 4; Science Club 4; Football 2,3,4 — Guard; Weight-lifting 2,3,4; Wrestling 2,3,4; Football Honorable Mention, All-league; Sweethearts' Ball Attendant 3.

GREGORY LEE BROWN: F-Club 3,4; German Club 3; Science Club 3; Basketball 3; Football 3,4 — Letters 3,4; Rifle High School, Rifle, Colorado: Art Club 2; Band 2; Football Honorable Mention.

KATHLEEN ANN BUHLER: IRC 4; Pep Club 3; Quill and Scroll 3,4; TARs 4; *Wildcat's Beat* 3,4 — Column Chief 4; Journalism Award 4.

YVONNE MARIE BUNNELL: Alternate Banner Girl 3; FTA 4; GAA 2; IRC 3,4 — Historian; Mixed Chorus 4; *Wildcat's Beat* 3; Pep Club 4; Plays — *Our Town* 4, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Ski Club 4 — Secretary; Spanish Club 2,3; Student Council 2,3; Swing Choir 4; *Wildcat* Staff 4 — Business Manager; Speech Meet 4; Alternate to Girls' State 3; Grand Junction High School 3; Colorado University Meritorious Service Journalism Award 4.

GAIL ELAINE BURWELL: Drill Team 4; FHA 2; GAA 2, IRC 4; Plays — *Our Town* 4; Central High School: Ski Club 3; Magic Club 3; Plays — *Mr. Berry's Etchings*.

JANETTE FAY CLARK: FHA 2 — Parliamentarian; *Wildcat* Staff — Faculty Editor 3, Senior Class Editor 4; Art Club 4; Journalism Conference 4; FHA District Convention 2 — Grand Junction.

GERALD STEVEN CLAWSON: F-Club 2, 3,4; AEC Trip 3; Basketball 2,3,4 — Captain; Track 2 3,4; Basketball All-state; Outstanding Basketball Player Award 4; Outstanding Track Award 4.

JOYCE JUNE COLE: FHA 2, Girls' Glee Club 2,3; IRC 4; Library Club 3; Pep Club 2, 3; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2, *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *Our Town* 4; Swing Choir 3; Sweethearts' Ball Queen 4.

MICKEY ALAN COX: F-Club 4; German Club 2,3; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Science Club 3,4; Ski Club 4; Football 4; Weightlifting 3,4; Prom King 4.

PATRICIA ANN CRESPIN: Drill Team 4; GAA 2; Girls' Glee Club 3,4; Spanish Club 3, 4.

THOMAS ALLEN CRONK: F-Club 2,3,4; FTA 3,4 — Treasurer; German Club 3; IRC 4; National Honor Society 2,3,4 — Vice-president 4; Science Club 2,3,4 — Vice-president; Physics Award 4; Ski Club 4; Spanish Club 2, 3,4 — Student Council Representative 3, Secretary 4; Baseball 2,3,4 — First Base; Tennis 3; Weightlifting 3; Baseball Letter 2,3,4; Tennis Letter 3; Mr. Wildcat, April 4; Junior Class President 3.

DANIEL RAY DANIELS: Band 2,3,4 — Drummer; FFA 2; German Club 3; Band Letter Bar; Band Trip to Gunnison 2,3; Psychology Field Trip.

LINDA LEE DAVIS: Drill Team 2; French Club 2,3; IRC 4; Pep Club 2,3,4 — Service Award 4, Reporter 4, Outstanding Member 4; Plays — *Romanoff and Juliet* 3 — Stage Crew; Student Council Reporter 4; *Wildcat* Staff 4 — School Life Co-editor.

CHARLOTTE SUZANNE DICK: GAA 2, 3,4 — Secretary; Gymnastics 3,4 — Gymnastics Record-holder; Track 3,4.

DONNA GWEN DICKERSON: FTA 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; *Wildcat* Staff 3,4 — Junior Class Editor 3, Favorites Editor 4; AEC Trip 3; City Government Day 3; National Scholastic Press Association Convention, Chicago 4; Journalism Convention, Mesa College 4; Stunt Night 2,4; Blackouts 3; Journalism Award 4.

SHERYL LEA DOWNER: Drill Team 3,4; FHA 2.

GLENN ERKMAN: Band 2,4; F-Club 2,3,4; German Club 3; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Plays — *Romanoff and Juliet* 3, *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *Our Town* 4; National Thespian Society 3,4 — Vice-president; Baseball 2,3; Swing Choir 3,4.

CAROL ANN FRY: Band 2,3,4 — Banner Girl; Drill Team 2; FTA 4; German Club 3; IRC 4; *Wildcat's Beat* 3,4 — Business Manager 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Plays — *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *Our Town* 4 — Properties; Quill and Scroll 4 — Treasurer; Student Council 2, 4; Snowball Queen 4; Journalism Award 4.

GAYLENE SUE GARLITZ: Art Club 4 — President; English Award 4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; *Wildcat's Beat* 3 — Column Chief, 4 — Editor-in-Chief; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; Spanish Club 2,3; Colorado University Meritorious Service Journalism Award; National Scholastic Press Association Convention, Chicago 4.

DORIS MABLE GILBERT: Business Law Field Trip 4.

VERLAN RUSSELL GOSS: F-Club 3,4; FTA 4; Geology Club 3; Basketball 4 — Trainer; Football 2,3,4 — Trainer; Baseball 4 — Trainer.

NIANZA CHRISTINE GREEN: Mixed Chorus 3,4; Plays — *The Education of Hyman Kaplan;* Avenal High School, California: FHA 2 — Secretary, 3 — Publications Manager; GAA 2,3; Pep Club 3.

RHONDAL WILBUR GROVES: FFA 4; German Club 3; Plays — *Our Town* 4; Track 3; FFA Livestock Judging, Fort Collins 4.

CLYDE ALAN HALLER: Ski Club 4; Art Club 4 — Blue Ribbon, Altrusa Art Show; Track 4.

NANCY LUCILLE HARPER: Drill Team 4; FHA 2,3 — Vice-president; French Club 2; Girls' Glee Club 4; FHA State Convention 3.

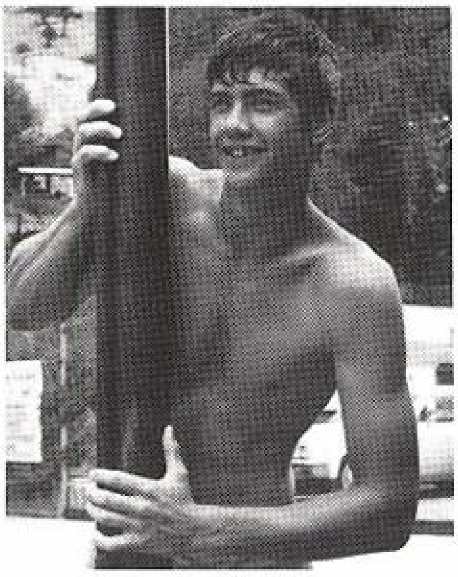
MARJY MARIE HARTMAN: Art Club 4 — Vice-president.

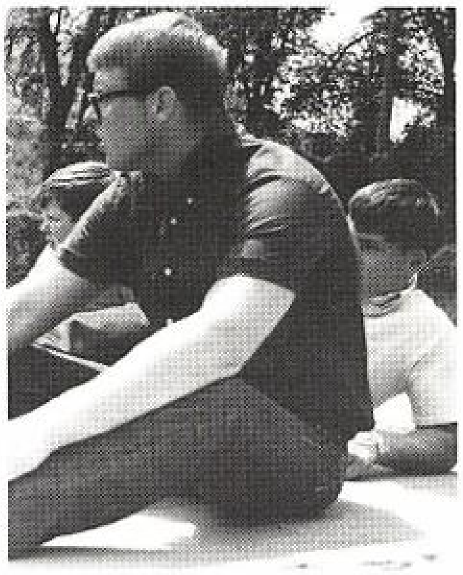
JEANNE JANELLA HEINY: Drill Team 2; French Club 3; IRC 4; Mixed Chorus 4 — Student Council Representative; Pep Club 2 — Secretary, 3,4 — President; Plays — *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Student Council 3 — Committee for Overseas School; Swing Choir 4 — Vocal Award; *Wildcat* Staff 3 — School Life Editor, 4 — Editor-in-Chief; Journalism Clinics 3,4; Sophomore Class Secretary-treasurer 2; Solo-Ensemble 2; Blackouts 3; Stunt Night 3; *Just Us*, 3,4; Colorado University Meritorious Service Journalism Award 4; Miss Wildcat, March 4; PTA Teenage Banquet.

BARBARA ANN HILL: Drill Team 2; Head Girl 3; Library Assistant 2; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Office Practice Award 4; Pep Club 2,3; Student Council 2,3,4; *Wildcat* Staff 3 — Faculty and Administration Editor; Miss Wildcat, April 3.

STEVEN BRUCE HOBACK: F-Club 2,3,4 — Treasurer; German Club 2; IRC 4; *Wildcat's Beat* 3,4 — Sports Editor; Plays — *Romanoff and Juliet* 3 — Properties, *Our Town* 4; Quill and Scroll 4; Science Club 4; Snowball King 4; Football 2,3,4; Weight-lifting 2,3; Football Letter 2,3,4; Honorable Mention, All-league Football 4.

VICKIE LEE HOLT: GAA 2,3,4 — Vice-president; National Honor Society 3,4; Gymnastics Trip 3,4; Outstanding Sophomore and Junior of GAA; Girls' Track 3 — Fifth Place,





Discus, District Track Meet; Outstanding Girl Athlete 4.

BETTY DIANE HULL: Drill Team 4; IRC 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Plays — *Our Town* 4; Student Council 2,4.

DAVID LEVI JACQUEZ: German Club 3,4; Spanish Club 2; Track 3,4 — Pole Vault; Wrestling 2 — 112 lbs., 3 — 112 lbs. 4 — 120 lbs.; Cross Country Track 4.

JOANNA LUCILLE JACQUEZ: Drill Team 2,3,4 — Leader; FHA 2,3 — Parliamentarian; GAA 2; German Club 2; IRC 4; *Wildcat's Beat* 4 — *Daily Sentinel* Teen Page Editor; Quill and Scroll 4; TARs Convention, Denver 4.

SHEILA ANN JENNINGS: FHA 3; IRC 4; Pep Club 2.

JON R. JOHNSTON: Band 2,3; National Honor Society 2,3; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2; Basketball 2,3,4; Football 2; Track 2 — Manager; Mathematics Award 4.

FAYE LOUISE KELLEY: Band 2,3,4 — Twirler, First Clarinet; FHA 2 — Treasurer, 3 — President, 4 — Secretary, District Representative; GAA 2,3 — Points Chairman, 4 — President; Quill and Scroll 4; *Wildcat* Staff 3,4 — Subscriptions Manager; FHA State Convention 3, Fort Collins; Western State College Honor Band 2,3; Top of the Nation Honor Band, Alamosa 4; FHA District Convention, Glenwood Springs 4; DAR Good Citizen of Fruita High School Award 4; Outstanding GAA Member 3; Outstanding Band Member — Ricks Summer Academy, Rexburg, Idaho; Solo Contest 2 — 2nd, 3,4 — 2nd; Pit Band 2; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2, *Rip Van Winkle* 3; Co-Rec Volleyball 4; Outstanding GAA 4; National Honor Society 4; Miss Wildcat, February 4; Fruita Citizen of the Week 4; Western Slope FHA Scholarship; GAA Most Valuable Player Award.

MICHAEL JAMES KELLEY: Art Award 4 — Blue Ribbon; Mixed Chorus 3; Plays — *Rip Van Winkle* 3; Swing Choir 3.

BRUCE LaRAY KETTLE: Band 2; FFA 2, 3,4.

LEONA LESLIE KETTLE: Girls' Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Pep Club 3,4; Plays — *Rip Van Winkle* 3.

SUSAN GAIL KETTLE: GAA 2,4; Girls' Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2, *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *Fumed Oak* 4, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4, *Our Town* 4; Swing Choir 2,3; National Thespian Society 4; Central One-act Play Contest 4; Boulder One-act Play Festival 4.

PAUL MARTIN KOCHEVAR: F-Club 3,4; French Club 2,3,4 — Vice-president; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Science Club 3,4; Student Council 4; Basketball 3,4; Football 3,4; Senior Class President 4; Area Teen Democrats President 4; Prom Attendant 4.

PAULA MARIE KOCHEVAR: Drill Team 2; French Club 2,3; GAA 2; German Club 3,4 — Secretary-treasurer; IRC 4; Pep Club 2,3, 4.

MICHAEL CHARLES KOENIG: Geology Club 3; German Club 2,3; National Honor Society 2,3; Science Club 2,3,4 — President; Ski Club 3,4 — Executive Committee; Weight-lifting 3; Soroptimist Youth Citizenship Nominee.

STANISLAW KOZIOL: F-Club 2,3,4; German Club 3; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Plays — *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *Our Town* 4; Swing Choir 3; Baseball 2 — Third Base; Football 2,3,4; Weight-lifting 3; Wrestling 2,4; Football Honorable Mention 4; *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4.

CHERYL JEAN LORIMER: Band 2,3,4; FTA 4; GAA 4 — Treasurer; Library Club 2, 3,4 — President; National Honor Society 3,4; *Wildcat's Beat* 4 — Beat Chief; Pit Band 2; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2, *Rip Van Winkle* 3; Spanish Club 3,4; Summer Band Camp, Fort Collins 3; Action TV Series 4 — Panelist; Ensemble 3 — 2nd, Solo 4.

KATHRYN SUSAN LUJAN: Spanish Club 2.

ROGER LOUIS MACKEY: German Club 3,4 — German Club Award 4; National Honor Society 2,3,4.

PATTY SUE MALUY: Cheerleader 3; Drill Team 2; French Club 2,3,4 — Secretary; National Honor Society 2,3,4 — Historian; Pep Club 2,3 — Treasurer; Plays — *Romanoff and Juliet* 3, *Our Town* 4 — Lead; Ski Club 3, 4; Student Council 3,4 — Secretary-treasurer; National Thespian Society 4; *Wildcat* Staff 4 — Activities Editor; Student Council Conference, Durango, Miss Wildcat, December 4; Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Student Award 4.

SAMUEL MARES: Art Club 4.

TERRY WAYNE MARINELLI: FFA 2,3 — Reporter, 4 — President; German Club 3, 4; Science Club 4; Outstanding Agriculture Student 4.

ROBERT CLARENCE MARTIN, JR.: FFA 2; German Club 3,4 — German Club Award 4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Science Club 4; Chemistry Award 3.

KATHLEEN LEA MASON: Drill Team 2; FTA 2,3,4 — Historian-parliamentarian; Library Club 4 — Secretary-treasurer; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Pep Club 3,4; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2, *Romanoff and Juliet* 3, *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4; Shorthand Award 4; Swing Choir 3,4; FTA State Convention 3; FTA Regional Convention 3; Colorado University Summer Music Camp 4; Mixed Choir Outstanding Girl vocalist 2; Colorado University Scholarship Award; Girls' Ensemble 2; Blackouts 3; Stunt Night 3,4; Solo and Ensemble Contests 3,4.

CLYDE MILO McBRIDE: FFA 2,4.

KATHERINE MARIE McINTYRE: Cheerleader 3,4; Drill Team 2; GAA 2; German Club 3; IRC 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Ski Club 4 — Vice-president; Rangely Cheerleading Clinic 3,4.

LINDA RUTH MEINSEN: Drill Team 2; FHA 2; French Club 2,3; GAA 2; IRC 3,4; Pep Club 2,3; Plays — *Romanoff and Juliet* 3 — Make-up; Science Club 3,4; Ski Club 4; *Wildcat* Staff 4 — Wildcats Section Editor; Homecoming Queen 4; Sweethearts' Ball Queen 2; Miss FHS 4; Key Club Sweetheart, May 4.

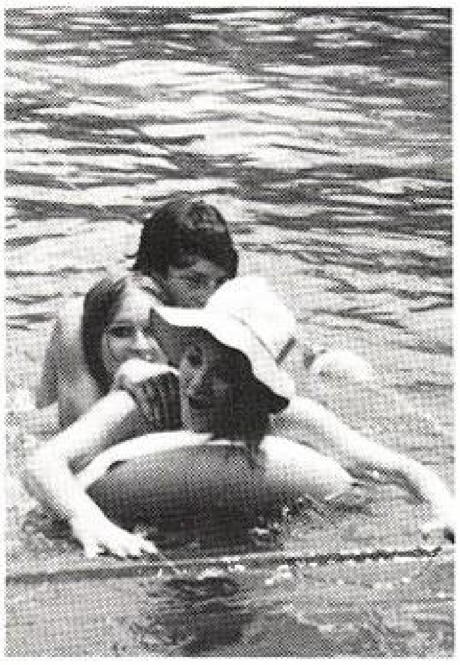
RUTH PAULINE MENDENHALL: French Club 3; GAA 2,4; IRC 4.

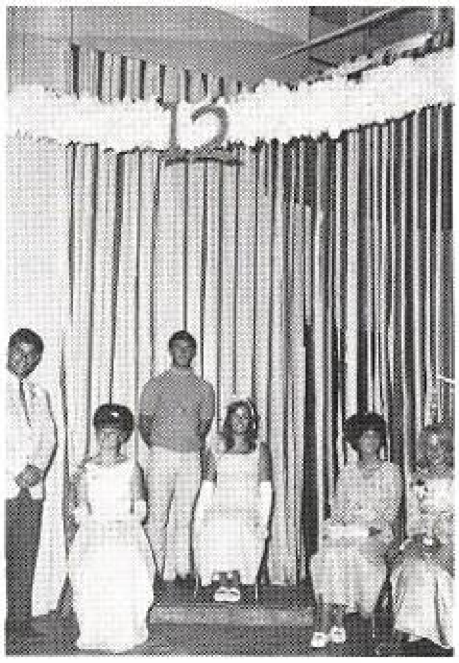
FREDERICK LAWRENCE MEYER: Band 2,3,4; Spanish Club 2.

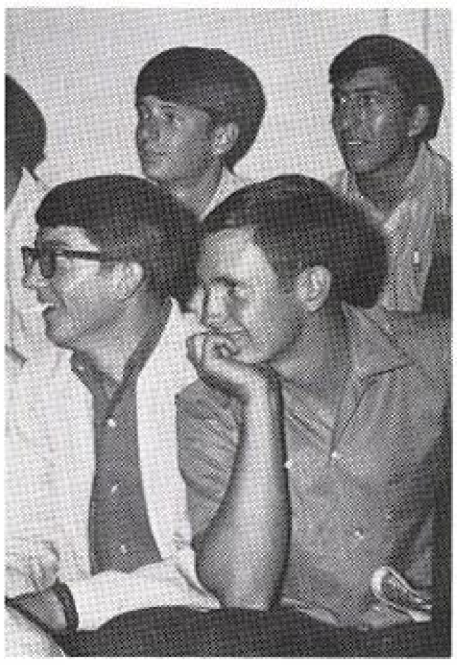
DANNY ROSS MONGER: Mixed Chorus 4.

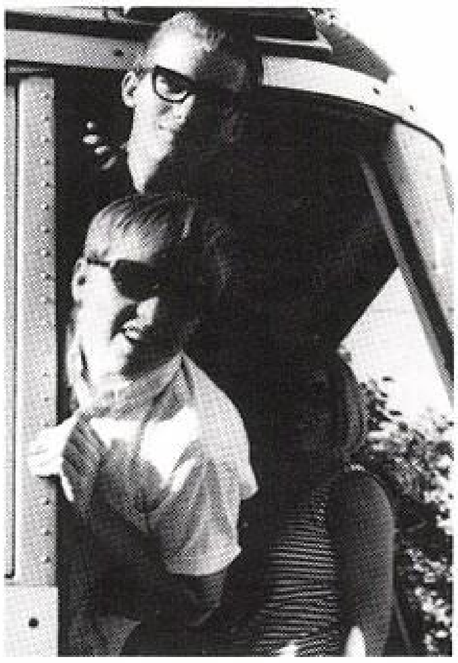
SWANY G. MONGER: F-Club 2,3,4; German Club 3; Mixed Chorus 4; Wrestling 2,3,4 — 2nd State; Plays — *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4; Art Award 4 — Blue Ribbon.

MARIAM GAIL MOSHER: Drill Team 3, 4; Library Club 3; National Honor Society 2, 3,4; Science Club 3,4 — Secretary; Spanish Club 2; TARs 4; Youth Citizenship Seminar 3; State Speech Meet, Boulder 3.









Seniors Crammed A Thumb Into

JOSEPH MICHAEL MUTHS: Band 2,3,4; Plays — *Our Town* 4; Ski Club 4.
SANDRA LEE NELSON: Girls' Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Pep Club 4; Plays — *Rip Van Winkle* 3.
LARRY DUANE NOETZELMANN: Band 2,3; FFA 2,4.
JOSEPH ROBERT ORR: Class Valedictorian; Band 2,3,4 — First Chair Coronet; English Award 4; German Club 3,4; Library Club 2,3 — Publicity Chairman; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2, *Rip Van Winkle* 3; Physics Award 4; Science Club 2,3,4 — Vice-president; Student Council 3,4; Western State College Honor Band 2; Top of the Nation Honor Band, Alamosa 4; Tennis 3,4 — 2nd Ranking; MYF 2,3,4 — Vice-president; VCYM Youth Conference on the Atom, Chicago 4; Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Student Award 4; Mr. Wildcat, September 4.
PRISCILLA SALLY OTERO: Spanish Club 2.
SANDRA KAY PEACH: French Club 2; Girls' Glee Club 4 — Accompanist; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4 — Accompanist; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2, *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *Our Town* 4, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4 — Organist, Pianist; Swing Choir 4 — Vocal Award.
NANCY JUNE PEHRSON: Drill Team 2; GAA 4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Pep Club 2,3; Plays — *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4; Nucla High School: Pep Club 2,3; Drill Team 2; Monticello High School, Utah: Pep Club 2, 3; Plays — *Bye-Bye Birdy*.
DALE ALLEN PULLINS: FFA 4.
EDWARD MICHAEL QUEST: FFA 2.
ESTHER DIANNE RAFF: GAA 2; Science Club 3; *Wildcat* Staff 4 — Faculty and Senior Class Associate Editor; AEC Trip 3; 4-H Trip to Massachusetts.
DONNA ELAINE RAFF: Band 2,3,4 — Twirler; Drill Team 2; FTA 4; *Wildcat's Beat* 4 — Ad Sales; IRC 4; Pep Club 3,4 — Points Chairman; Plays — *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *Our Town* 4 — Properties; Quill and Scroll 3 — Treasurer, 4 — Secretary; *Wildcat* Staff 3 — Sports Editor, 4 — Editor-in-Chief; Journalism Clinics 3,4; 4-H Trip 3,4 — Pennsylvania; Girls' State Alternate 3; Stunt Night Band Parents' Award; Colorado University Meritorious Service Journalism Award 4.
DENNIS EUGENE RETHERFORD: Head Boy 4; F-Club 2,3,4; German Club 2 — Vice-president, 3 — Vice-president; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Plays — *Romanoff and Juliet* 3 — Lead; Science Club 3,4; Ski Club 3 — Treasurer, 4; Student Council 2 — Representative, 4 — President; Student Council Award 4; Football 2,3,4 — Co-Captain, Honorable Mention; Weight-lifting 3; Mr. Wildcat 3, May 4; Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Student Award 4; Junior Class Vice-president 3; *Just Us* 3,4; Talent Show 3.
LENNIE JEAN RICH: Drill Team 2,3,4 — President and Drill Leader; IRC 4; Plays — *Our Town* 4, *Fumed Oak* 4; National Thespian Society 4; *Wildcat* Staff 3 — Favorites Editor.
MARILYN RICHARDS: Cheerleader 4 — Secretary; Drill Team 3 — Secretary-treasurer; French Club 2,3 — Vice-president, 4; FTA

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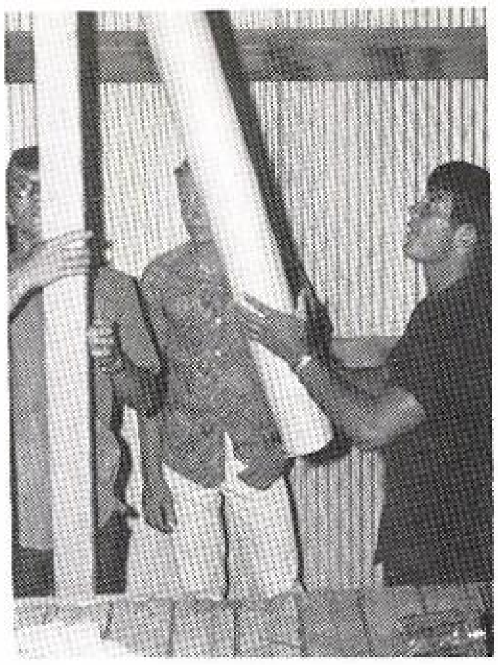

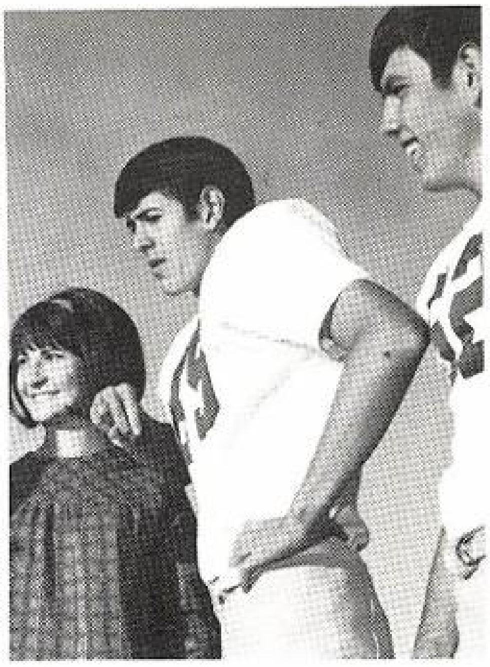

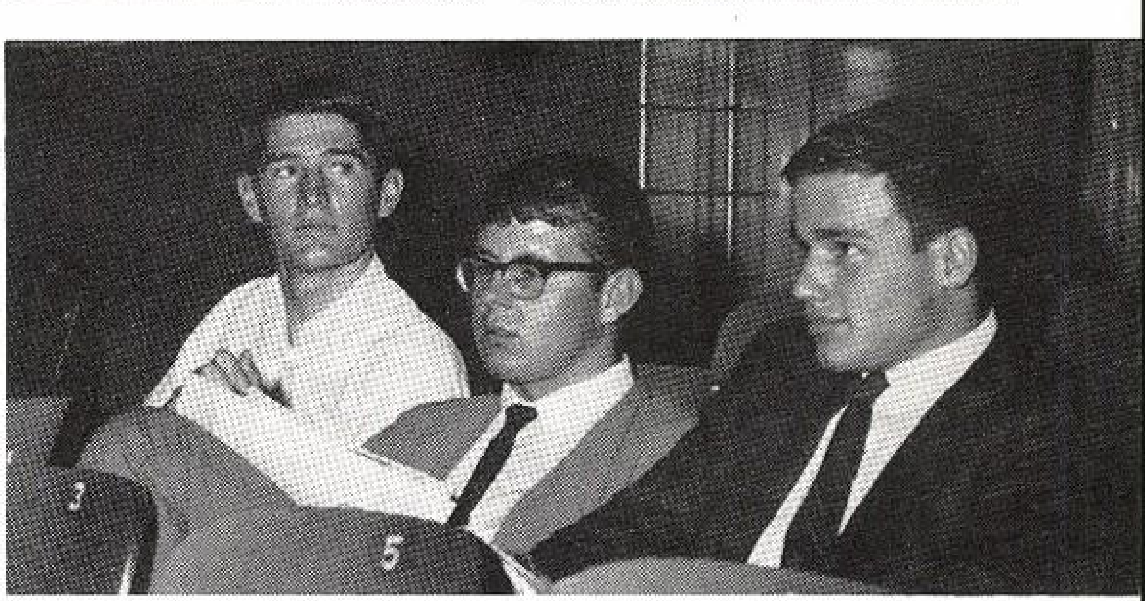

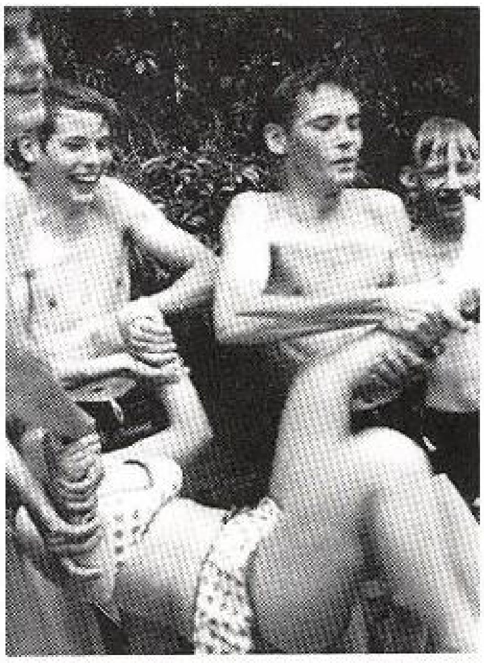

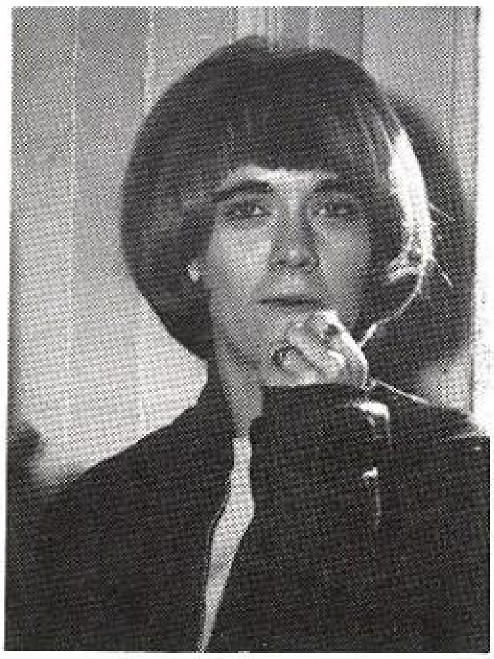

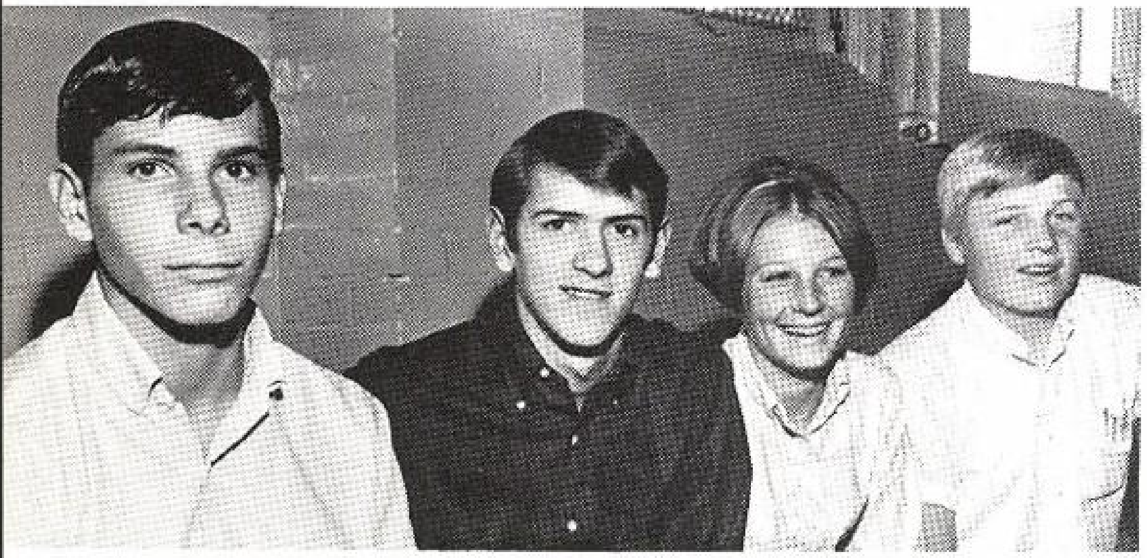

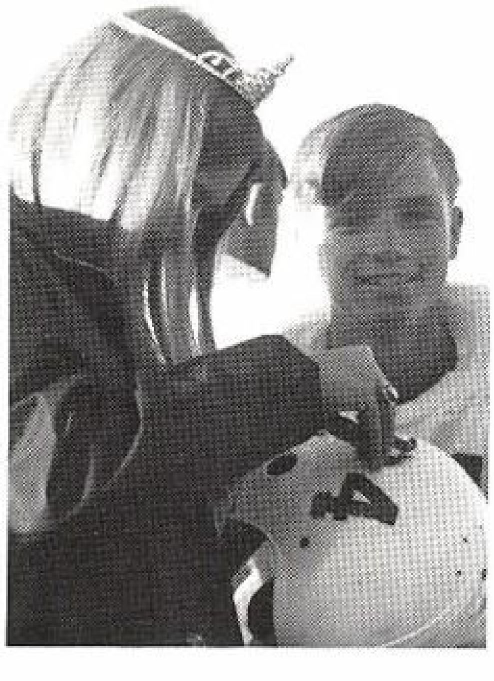

3,4 — Treasurer; IRC 4 — Secretary; Mixed Chorus 4; National Honor Society 3,4 — Treasurer; Pep Club 4; Plays — *Romanoff and Juliet* 3, *Our Town* 4 — Stage Manager; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Science Club 3,4; Student Council 4 — Representative; National Thespian Society 3,4 — Secretary; *Wildcat* Staff 3 — Organizations Editor, 4 — Editor-in-Chief; Rangely Cheerleading Clinic 3; FTA State Convention, Greeley 3; Western Colorado Student Council Convention, Durango 4; Civitan Citizenship Seminar Alternate 3; Miss Wildcat, March 3; State Qualifying Speech Meets 3,4; Journalism Clinics 3,4; Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Student Award 4; University of Colorado Meritorious Service Journalism Award 4; Prom Attendant 4.

ELEANOR JEAN RODRIGUEZ: French Club 3,4; GAA 2,3,4; Library Club 2 — Secretary, 3 — Secretary, 4 — Vice-president; Mixed Chorus 2 — Vice-president 3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2, *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *Our Town* 4, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4; Student Council 2,3; Swing Choir 2,3,4; National Thespian Society 4; Girls' State 3; Elizabeth Cruze Scholarship; All-state Choir 4; Outstanding Chorus Award 3; Outstanding Shorthand Award 3; Miss Wildcat, November 4; One-act Play Contest 4.

SARAH LYNN ROUNDTREE: Drill Team 4; Girls' Glee Club 4; Pep Club 3; Betty Crocker Award 4.

JANET ELIZABETH ROWE: Cheerleader 4; Drill Team 2,3 — Drill Leader; French Club 2,3,4 — Treasurer; IRC 2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Science Club 3; Ski Club 4; IRC Trip 2; Homecoming Attendant 4; Rangely Cheerleading Clinic 3; Sweet Pea Attendant 2.

RUBY LaRAE RUSSELL: FHA 2,4 — Historian, Photographer; Pep Club 2,3,4; Science Club 3; Drill Team 2.

ROSABELL MARIA SANCHEZ: Spanish Club 2,3,4 — Secretary, Student Council Representative; Student Council 4.

STARLET KAY SANCHEZ: Cheerleader 2; FHA 2; GAA 2; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Pep Club 2; Plays — *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4.

ROBERT LYNN SASSER: Mixed Chorus 4.

STEVEN ARTHUR SEAL: F-Club 2,3,4; Football 2,3; Wrestling 2,3,4; Cross Country Track 4.

EDDIE FRANK SERRANO: Baseball 2,3,4 — Catcher; F-Club 2,3,4; Wrestling 2,3,4; Cross Country Track 4; Outstanding Baseball Player Award 4.

PHILLIP PATRICK SERVE: FFA 2,3; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Plays — *Rip Van Winkle* 3 — Stage Crew, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4.

EUGENE BERNARD SHAW: Band 2 — Secretary, 3,4 — Vice-president; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2, *Romanoff and Juliet* 3, *Our Town* 4, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4; Science Club 2,3,4; National Thespian Society 3,4 — President; Thespian Award 4; Baseball 3,4 — Outfield; Tennis 4 — Singles; Weight-lifting 4; Senior Class Vice-president 4; Mr. Wildcat, December 4; *Just Us* 3,4; Football Trainer; Spanish Festival King 3; Spanish Club 2,3 — Vice-president.

JANET SUE SIDDENS: Band 2,3,4 — Solo

Clarinet; Debate 4; FTA 3,4 — Secretary; IRC 4; Mixed Chorus 4; National Honor Society 3,4; *Wildcat's Beat* 3 — Feature Editor, 4 — Editor-in-Chief; Pep Club 2,3; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2, *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *Our Town* 4, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4 — President; Science Club 3; Swing Choir 4; National Thespian Society 4; State Speech Meet 3,4 — Humorous Interpretation; United Nations Seminar 4; Miss Wildcat, October 4; Top of the Nation Honor Band 2,4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 2,3; Colorado University Meritorious Service Journalism Solo and Ensemble Contest 2,3; Colorado University Meritorious Service Journalism Award 4.

MARLENE VIVIAN SMITH: Band 2,3,4; Drill Team 2; Pep Club 3,4; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2; Ski Club 4; Spanish Club 2.

SHARLA LEE SMITH: Drill Team 2,3 — Points Chairman; FHA 2 — Secretary, 3 — Secretary, 4 — President; National Honor Society 2,3; Pep Club 4; Science Club 3,4; FHA State Convention 3, District Convention 2 — Grand Junction, 4 — Glenwood Springs; TARs 4; Outstanding FHA Student 4.

LARRY EUGENE STUTLER: F-Club 2; German Club 2,3,4 — President; German Club Award 4; IRC 4; Library Club 2,3; National Honor Society 2,3,4 — President; Plays — *Romanoff and Juliet* 3, *Our Town* 4; Science Club 3,4 — Treasurer; Ski Club 3 — President; Student Council 2,3; National Thespians 3,4 — Treasurer; Thespian Award 4; Civitan Youth Citizenship Seminar 4; Baseball 2 — Manager; Tennis 3; Mr. Wildcat, October 4; Rotarian, October 4; One-act Play Contest Excellent Rating, Boulder 4; Prom Attendant 4.

DANIEL HOWARD SULLIVAN: F-Club 2,3,4; German Club 3; Baseball 2 — Second Base; Basketball 3 — Guard, 4 — Co-captain.

MICHELE ANNE THISTLE: Debate 4; FHA 2; French Club 3,4; FTA 3,4 — Points Chairman; GAA 2; IRC 4 — Treasurer; Library Club 2 — Secretary, 3 — Historian, 4 — Secretary-treasurer; Plays — *Romanoff and Juliet* 3, *Our Town* 4, *Fumed Oak* 4; One-act Play Student Director 4; National Thespian Society 3,4 — Points Chairman-clerk; *Wildcat* Staff 4 — Theme Coordinator; FTA District Convention 3; Library Club Convention 2,3,4; Palisade Invitational Speech Meet 3,4; State Qualifying Speech Meet 3,4 — Excellent Rating, Discussion; English Award 3; VFW Voice of Democracy Contest 3; One-act Play Festival 4 — Central, Excellent; Boulder, Excellent; State Speech Festival 4.

DERYL DWYN THOMPSON: FFA 2,4.

TIMMY EVERETT TOMLINSON: F-Club 2,3,4 — Historian; French Club 2,3,4 — President; FTA 4; IRC 2,4 — President; National Honor Society 2,3,4 — Secretary; Science Club 3,4; Mr. Wildcat, November 4; Basketball 2; Football 2,3,4; Football Honorable Mention Gunnison Valley League 4; Senior Class Treasurer 4.

DALE EDWIN TOMPKINS: Band 2,3,4; F-Club 3,4; FTA 3; German Club 2,3,4; National Honor Society 2; Plays — *Our Town* 4, *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *Fumed Oak* 4; Science Club 2, 3,4; Ski Club 3; National Thespian Society 4; Tennis 3.

RACHEL VERA UKELE: Spanish Club 2,3, 4; Plays — *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4.

ANNA LEE VIGIL: Band 2; Drill Team 4; FHA 3; Girls' Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 2,3, 4; Pep Club 2; Plays — *Rip Van Winkle* 3; Spanish Club 3,4.

NORMAN LEE VINCENT, JR.: F-Club 2, 3,4 — President; German Club 3; National Honor Society 2; Student Council 4; Baseball 2; Football 2,3,4 — Co-captain, All-conference, All-state, High School All-American; Mr. Wildcat, March 4; Weight-lifting 2,3; Wrestling, 2,3,4 — 2nd, Slope 3.

JEANNIE SUSAN WAGGONER: German Club 3; Girls' Glee Club 4; Mixed Chrous 4; Plays — *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4; Swing Choir 3,4; AEC Field Trip; Art Club 2; Carbon High School, Utah.

NANCY CAROL WALTERS: French Club 2; IRC 4; Spanish Club 3,4 — Vice-president; *Wildcat* Staff 3 — Administration Section Editor.

JOAN MARIE WALTON: Drill Team 3; Mixed Chorus 3; Spanish Club 3; Plays — *Rip Van Winkle* 3.

KATHLEEN RAE WARNER: Girls' Glee Club 4; 4-H 2; Plays — *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4.

COSTELLA MARY WATSON: Cheerleader 3,4 — Head Cheerleader; French Club 3; Girls' Glee Club 3; Mixed Chorus 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Plays — *Romanoff and Juliet* 3, *Rip Van Winkle* 3, *Our Town* 4, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4 — Make-up; Student Council 4; National Thespian Society 4.

MELODY WHEELER: German Club 3,4; Mixed Chorus 4.

JOSEPHINE ADAIR WELCH: Debate 4; French Club 2,3; FTA 3,4; IRC 4; Mixed Chorus 4; National Honor Society 3,4; *Wildcat's Beat* 3; Pep Club 2,3; Plays — *Romanoff and Juliet* 3, *The Education of Hyman Kaplan* 4; National Thespian Society 4; State Speech Meet 3 — Interpretation of Poetry; IRC State Convention 4; Homecoming Attendant 3; Excellent Rating, State Speech Meet.

GLENN WHITE: Band 2,3; FFA 2.

ROGER MELVIN WHITE: F-Club 2; Science Club 3; Football 2; TARs 4.

DUANE WESLEY WHITE: French Club 2, 3; Science Club 3; TARs 4; Plays — *Our Town* 4.

CALVIN GEORGE WILLIAMS: Art Award 4; Band 2,3 — Cornet; German Club 3,4; Science Club 4; Band Trips 2,3; Mechanical Drawing 2,3; First Year Band Pin 3; Band Letter 3.

WILLIAM EDWARD WILLIAMS: F-Club 2,3,4; German Club 3; Wrestling 2 — Manager; Wrestling Letter 2.

TRAVIS LEON WILLIAMS: F-Club 2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Wrestling 2,3,4.

CONNIE JEAN WILSON: Pep Club 2,3; Student Council 4 — Alternate; *Wildcat's Beat* 4 — Feature Editor; *Wildcat* Staff 3; Cheyenne East High School, Medicine Bow High School, Casper, Wyoming: Junior Secretary-treasurer 3.

DONALD JAMES WYNKOOP: FFA 2,3 — Secretary, 4; German Club 3,4.

FRANCES YOUNG: Band 2 — Banner Girl, 3 — Secretary, 4 — President, Band Council; French Club 2; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3 — Vice-president, 4; Plays — *Check Your Worries* 2, *Rip Van Winkle* 3; Science Club 3,4; Ski Club 4; *Wildcat* Staff 4 — Organizations Editor.

NETA YOUNG: Drill Team 2; French Club 2; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Pep Club 2, 3,4; Science Club 3,4; Student Council 3; State Speech Meet, Boulder 3; FFA Sweetheart Attendant 3; FFA Sweetheart 4.

BEN ZAMORA: Library Club 2,3,4; Library Trip 3.

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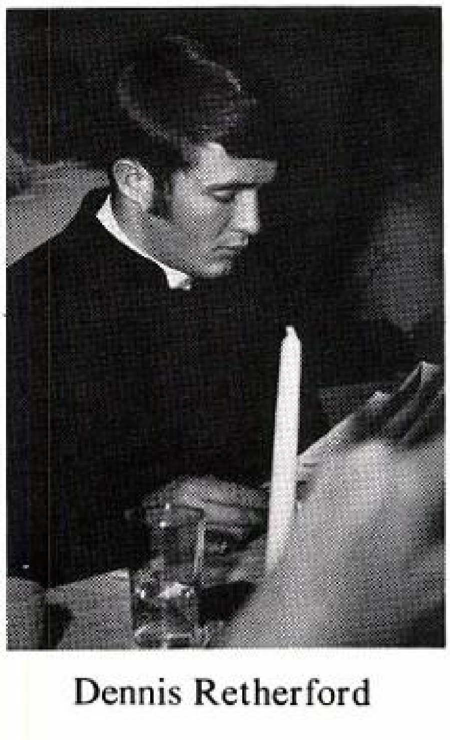
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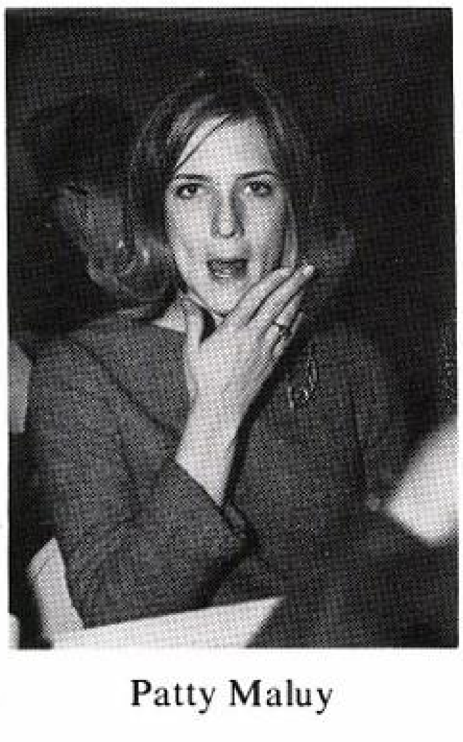
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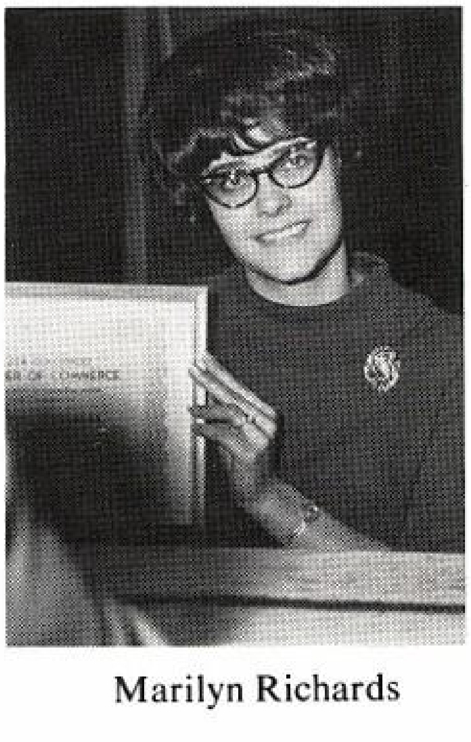
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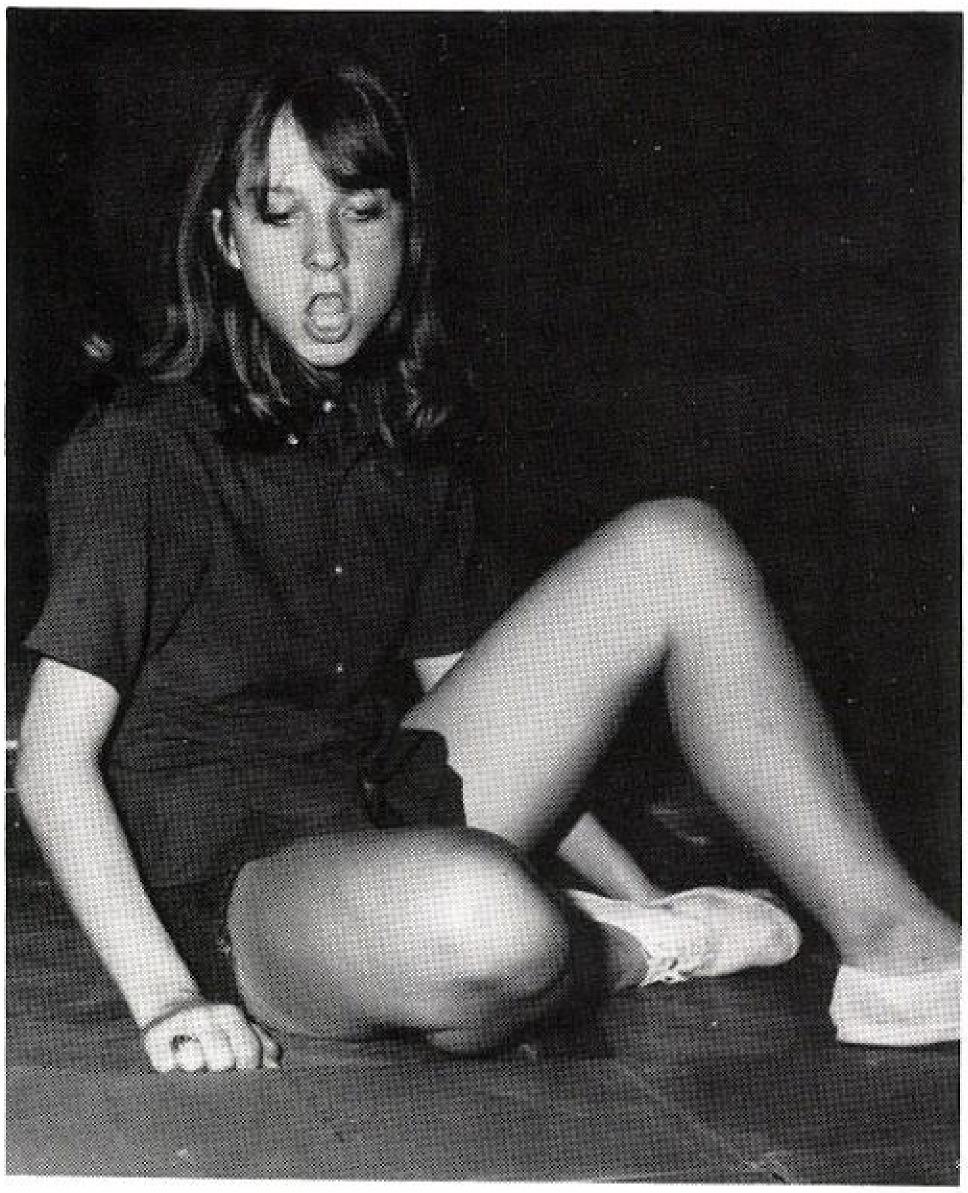
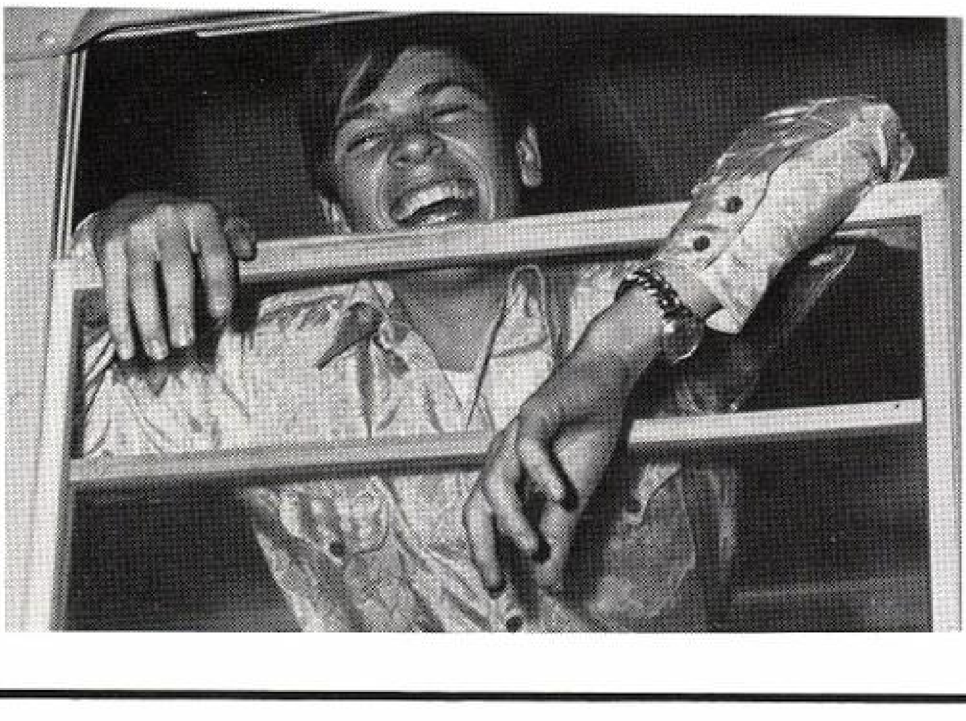
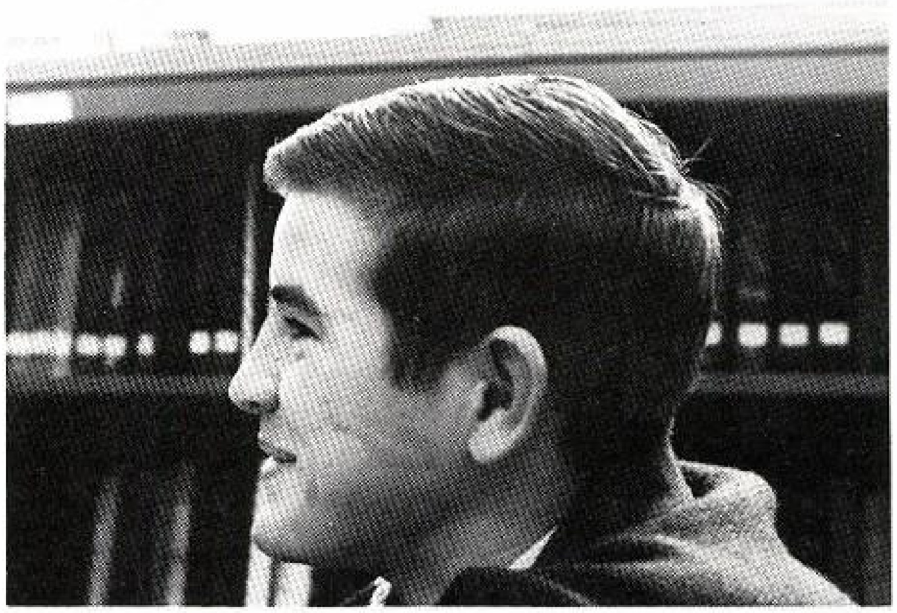
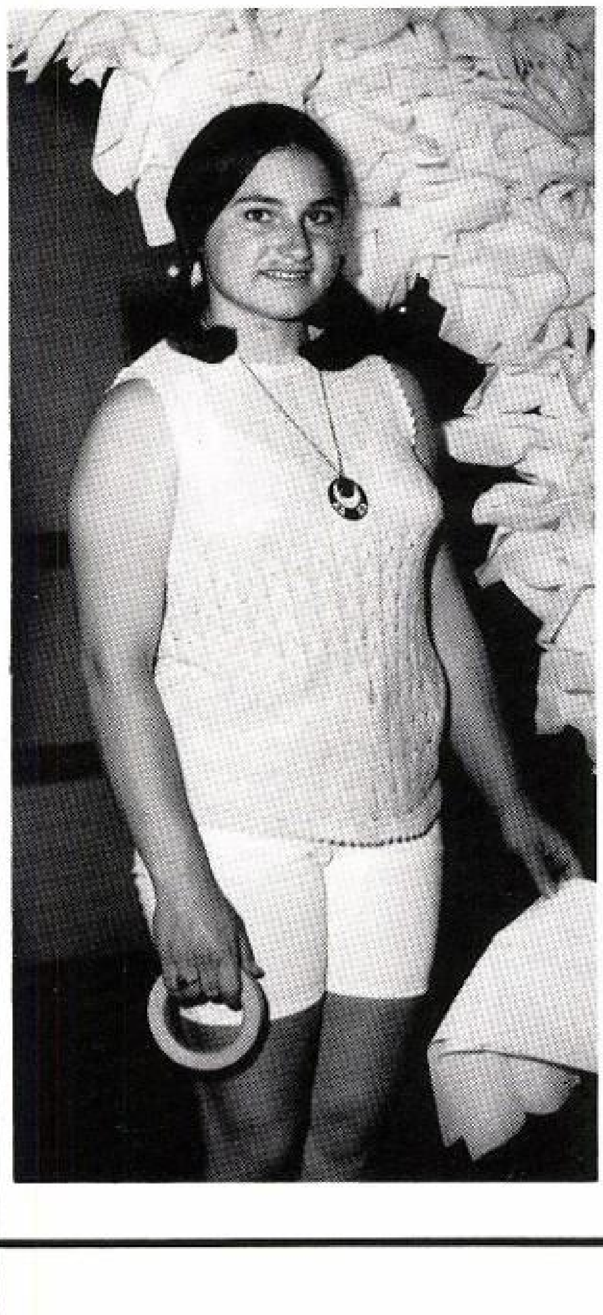
Juniors Built Camelot in Three Days

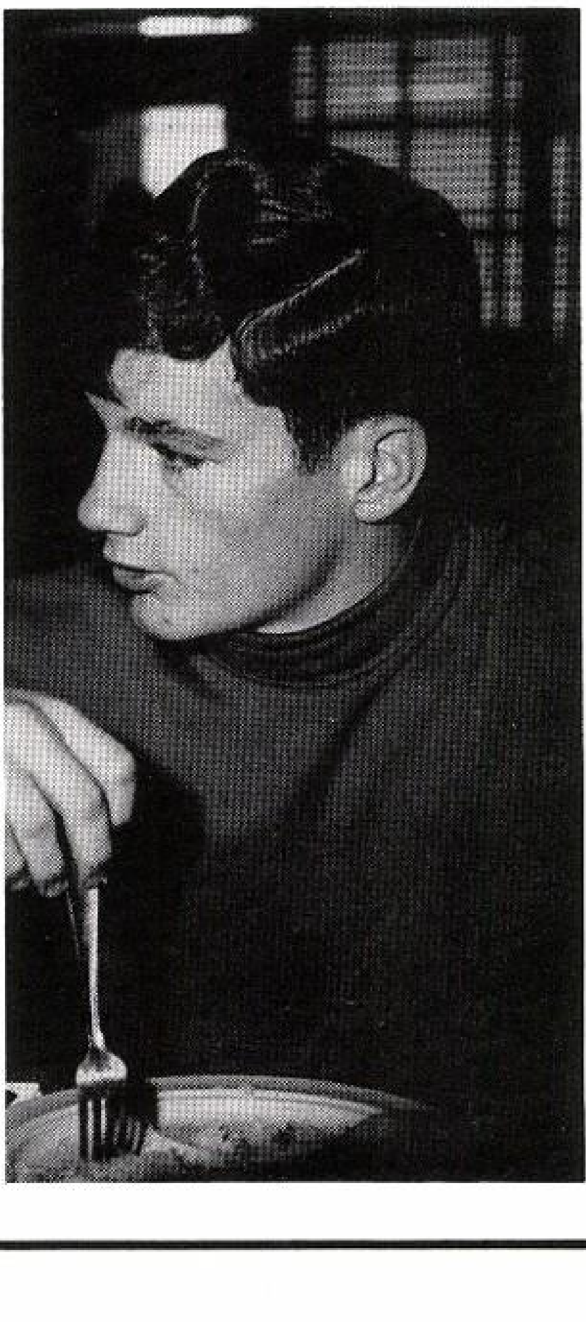




Class of '70







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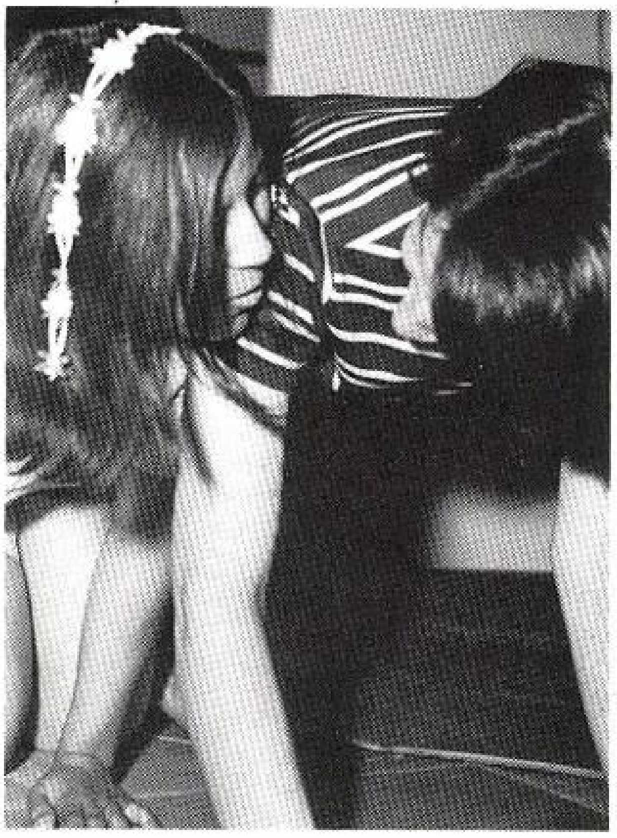

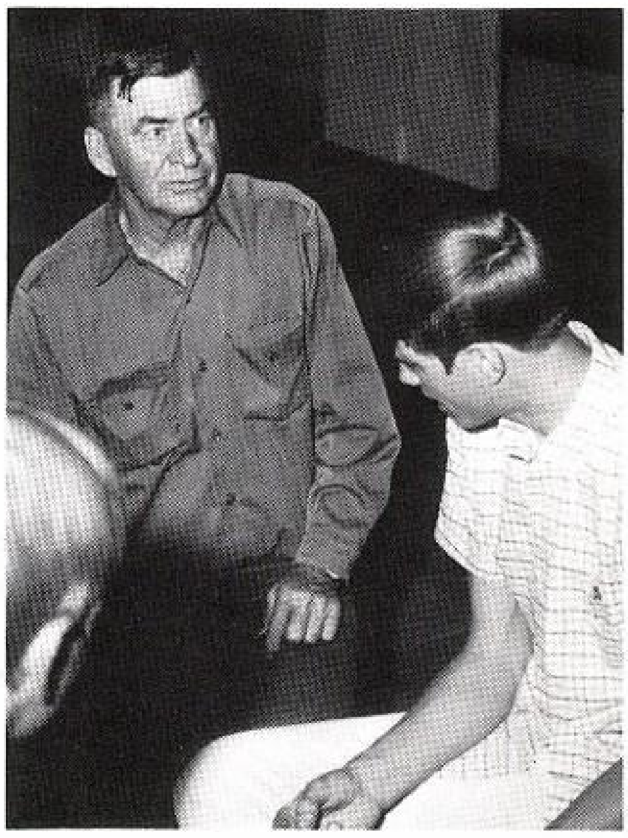

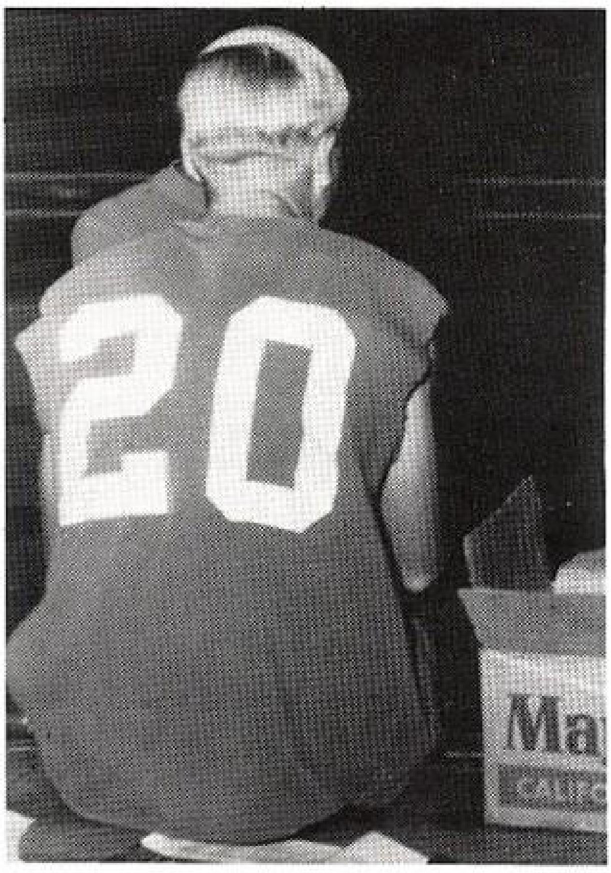
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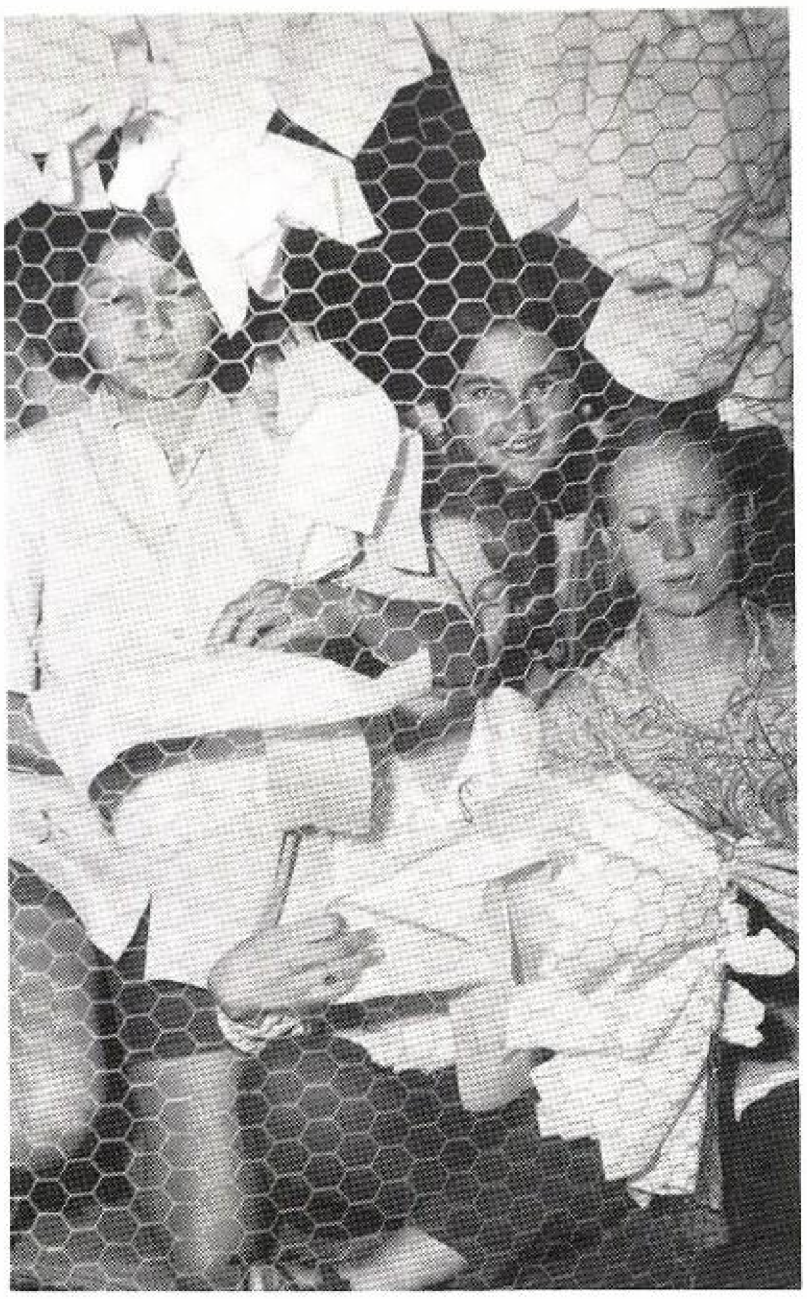
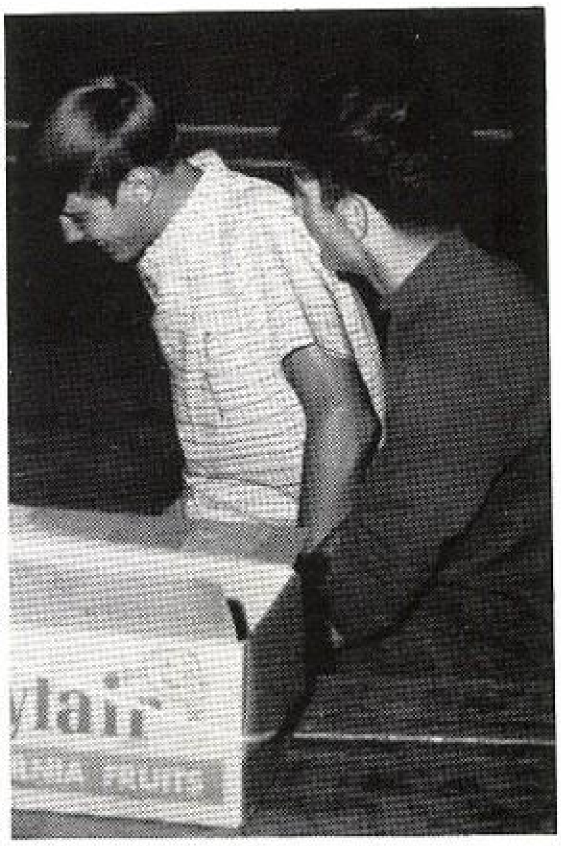
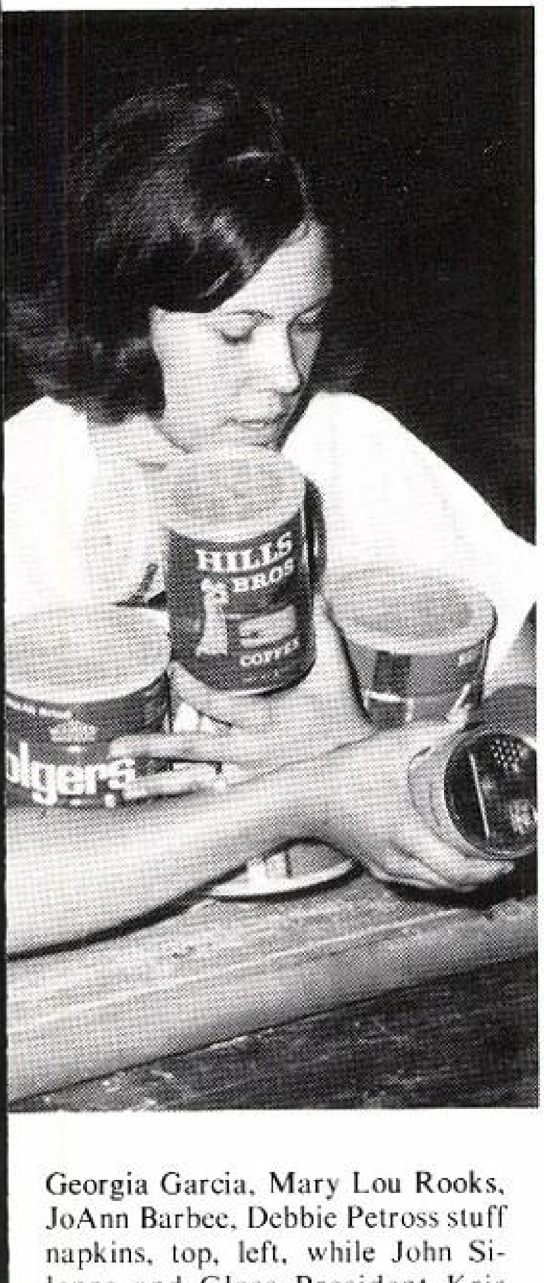
Midnight's Magicians

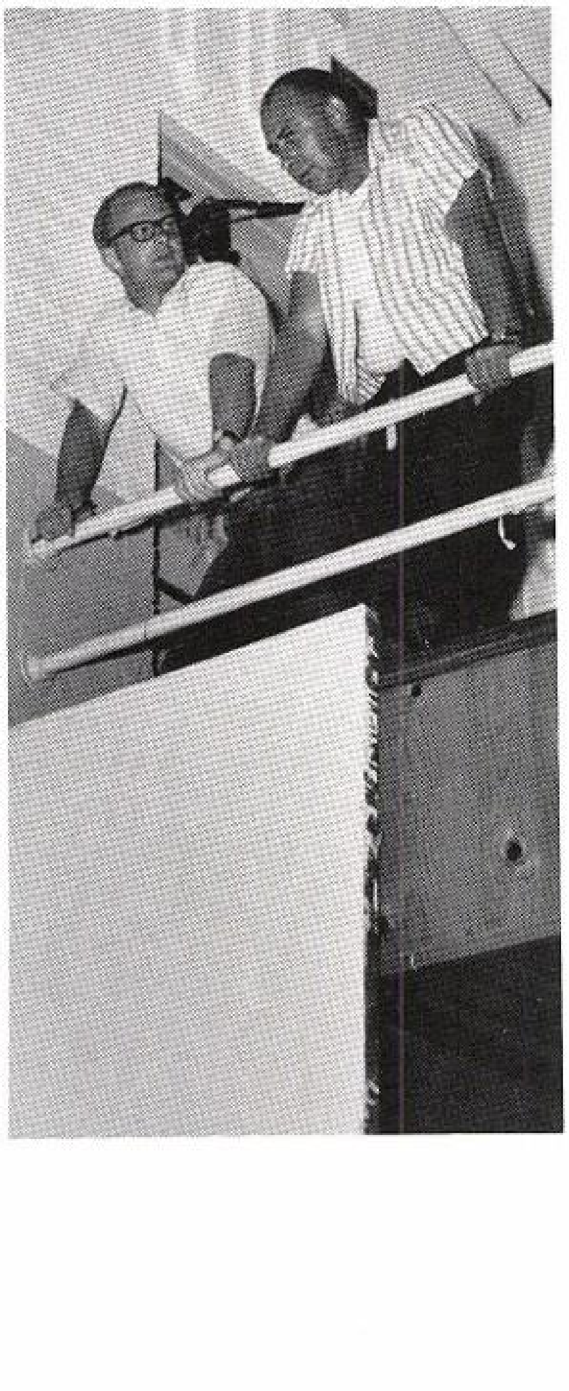
Midnight magicians at left are: John Silence, Kris Keith, Les Smith, Jim Stockert; Larry Reed, Gary Fitzner; Linda Watkins; Pam Fortik, Wilma Clawson; Leora Valencia, Jackie Guccini; John Silence; Les Smith, Mary Lou Rooks, JoAnn Barbee, Georgia Garcia; Linda Watkins, Judy LaMar, Kathy Marinelli, Susan Withrow and Aronda Greenhow.

Pam Baker, below, hefts an armload of paint onto the stage so that girls can apply it and the fellows can watch; at bottom, right, are class sponsors Mr. Tom Rieniets and Mr. William Kinman on the parapet of Camelot.







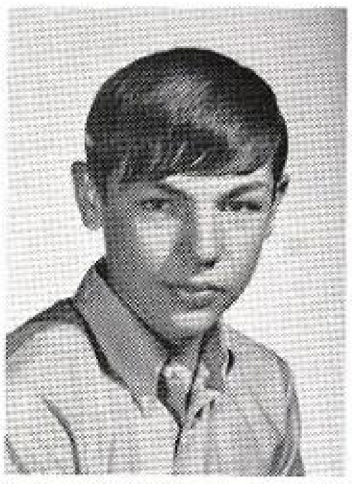


Georgia Garcia, Mary Lou Rooks, JoAnn Barbee, Debbie Petross stuff napkins, top, left, while John Silence and Class President Kris Keith, top, right, jaw through the ordeal. Prom heroes turned out to be Mr. Patrick Veerkamp and patient custodians.

Happy juniors lollipopped right smack up to April's gasping hours unperturbed until some wiseacre mentioned something about a prom. Then a metamorphosis took place. Class meetings were no longer like having a ringside seat at a spewing volcano. Harangue gave way to harmony; lava-like verbiage stopped running hot and heavy. An exciting phenomenon occurred: all (well, not all) members pitched in and together they pressed the panic button. With just a touch of miracle, single-minded middleclassmen created Heaven and Camelot in just three days. Thier feat must be some kind of record in the creation business. The job was not only lightning-fast, it was inspired, totally sublime.

Jargon was their language; jest was their style, yet jumping juniors of Fruita's Class of '70 crowned an exceptional year with an achievement of un-matched beauty and splendor — a magical prom. Such a silvery dream night never happened before. Guest seniors heralded Camelot as a magnificent gesture while juniors shuffled their feet, grinned and muttered, "Aw, shucks, it warn't nuthin'." And, in truth, even though juniors devilishly tried to pique upperclassmen with guarded hints, no one dreamed the wily second-year 'Cats could pull it off with such sophisticated charm. Plans jelled as though juniors had conjured up a little outside help to rekindle Camelot's spirit so quickly.

Jerry Alstatt
Judy Amos
Jeanette Baker
Pam Baker



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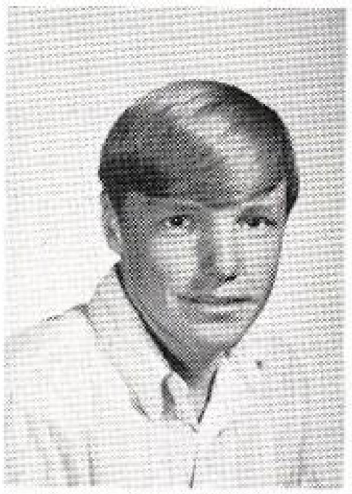
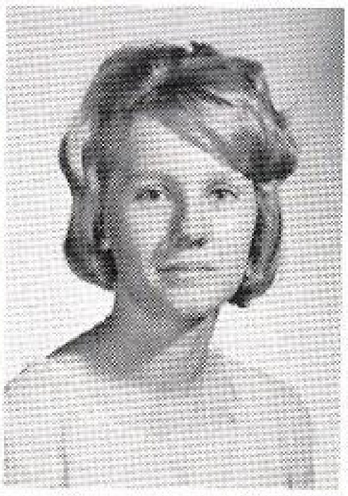
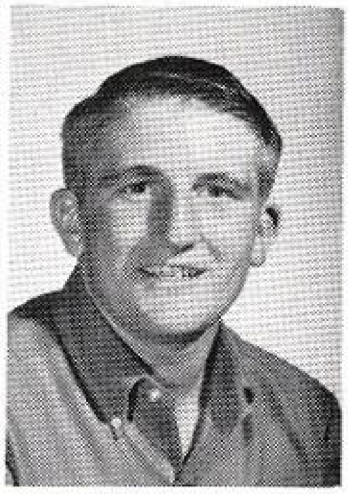
Gary Barcus
Dale Barns

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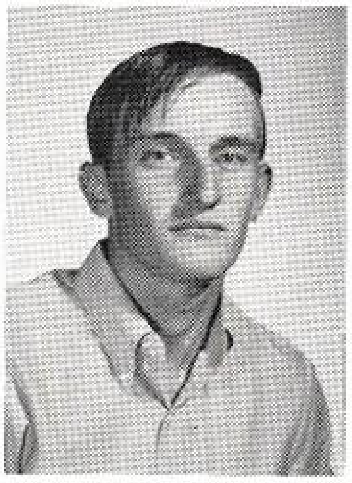
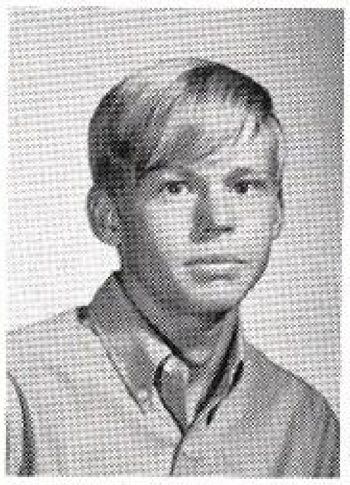
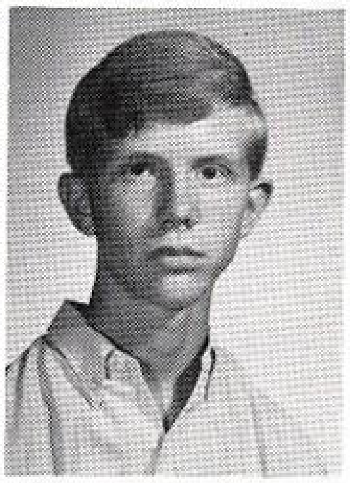

Reinta Boothe
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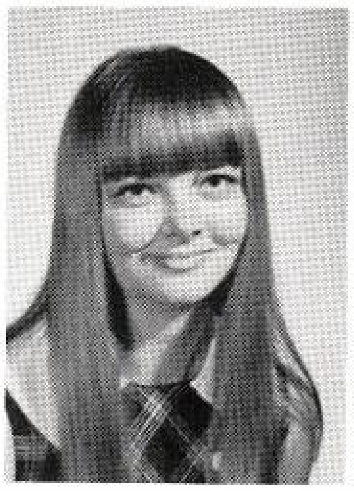
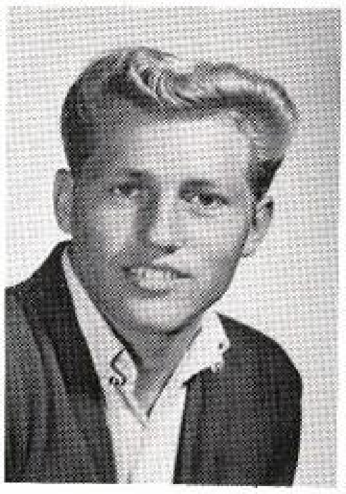
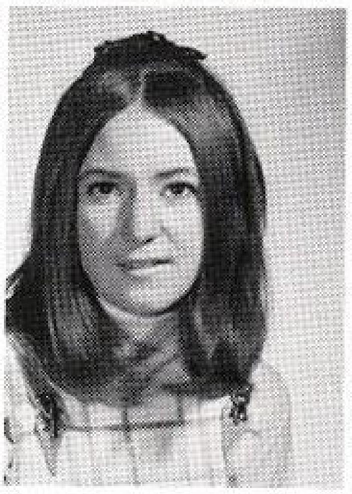
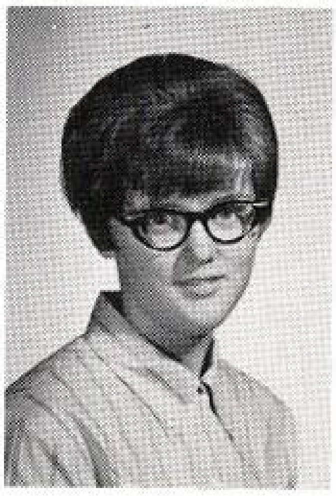
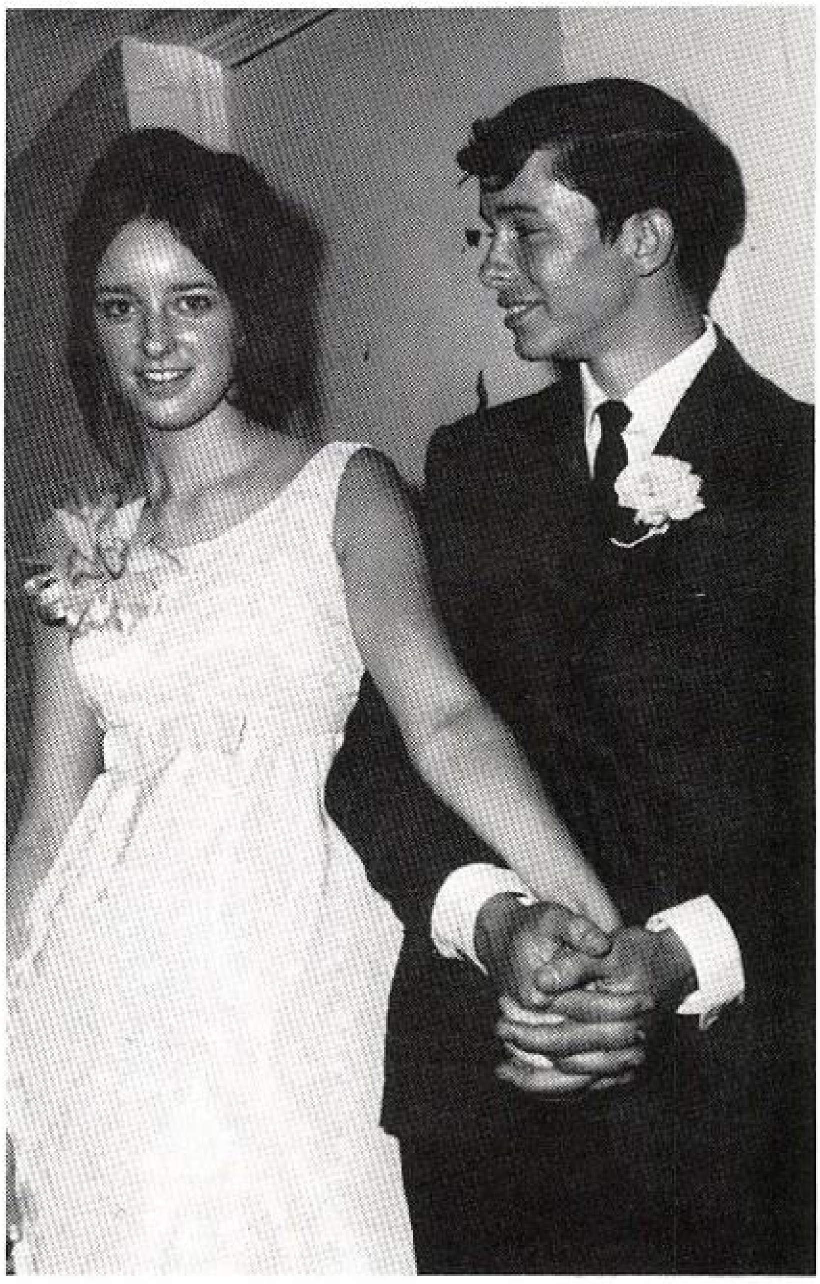
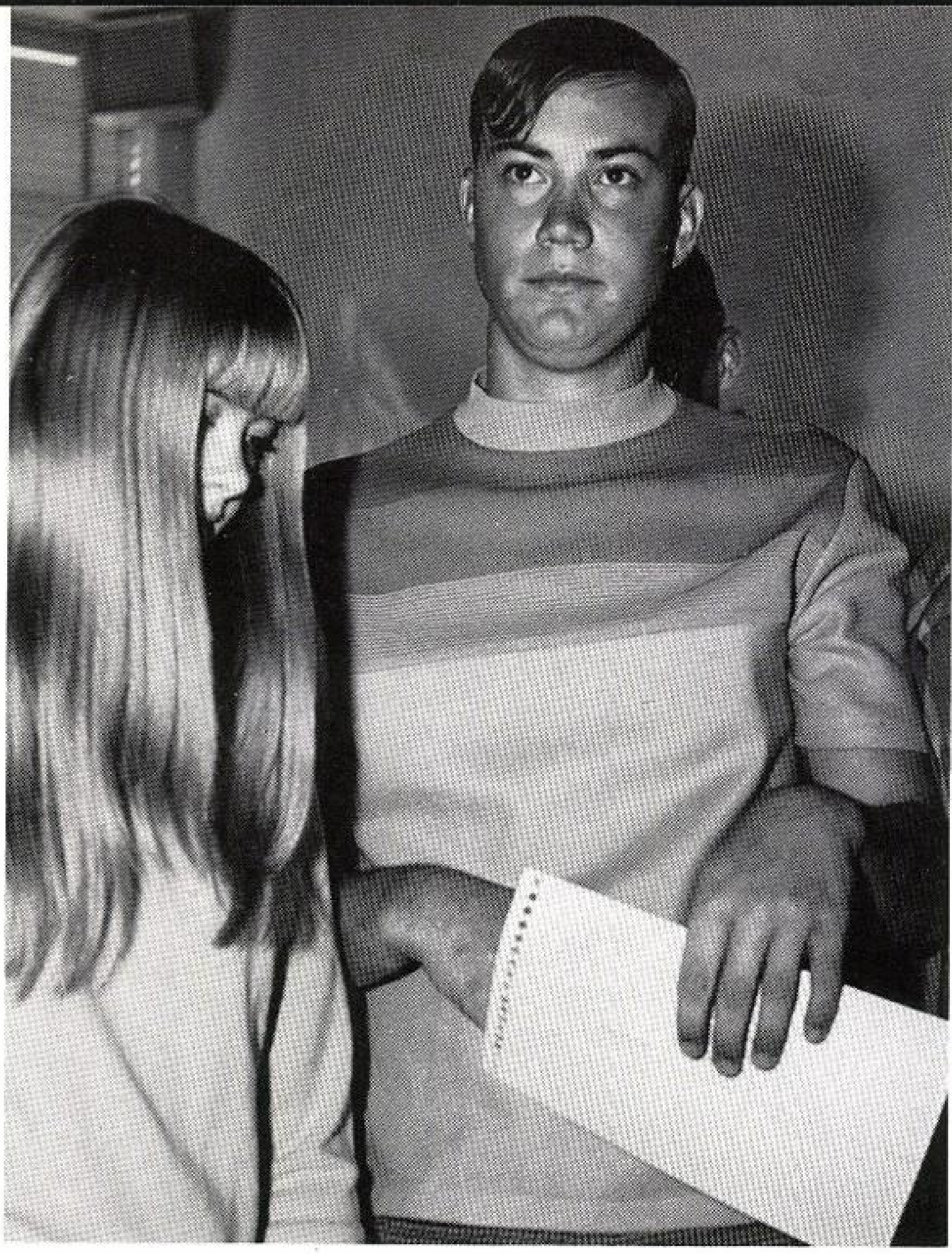





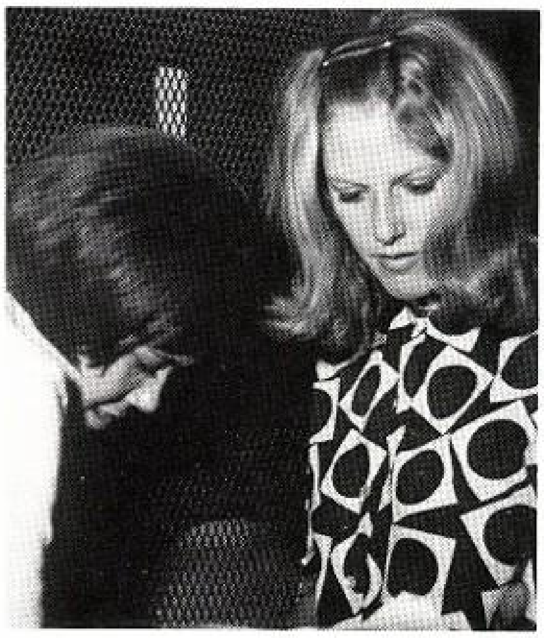
Prom co-chairman pretty Patti Combs, below, left, set the night ablaze as she crossed the promenade into Camelot; Kent Tompkins served as her co-partner heading up the decorations committee. Jim Carlucci and radiant Nona Mooney mirthfully proved that on May 3 there were no squares at the round table. Juniors earned their spurs gilded in gold.

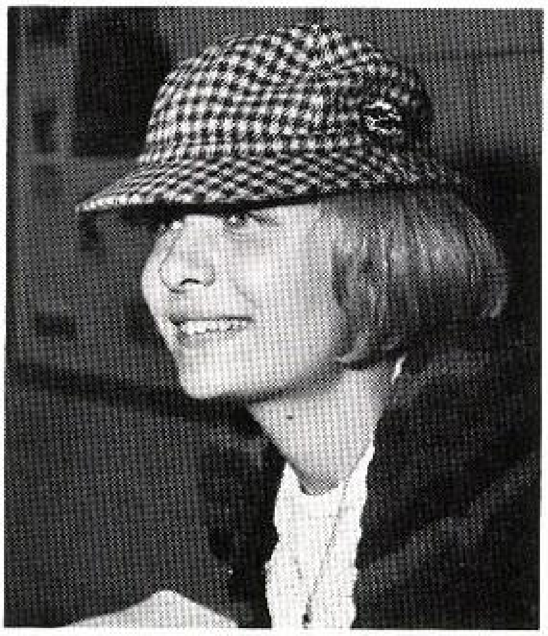
Impish Middleclassmen Dealt in Magic!

Preparations for Fruita's jovial joust began early in the fall when juniors huddled to hassle over themes. At bottom, right, Class President Kris Keith starts the machinery turning. Vice-president Kent Tompkins slept through it all, but Ken Blanchard, Duane Kiefer, Gary Barcus and Jerry Alstatt shot the meeting with jibes.



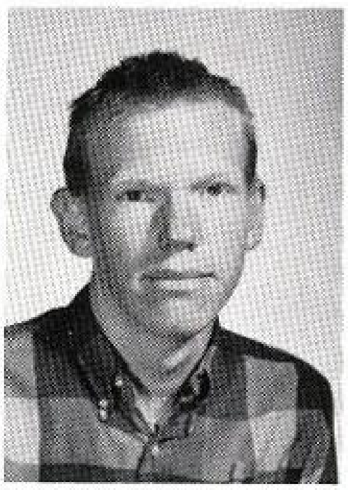


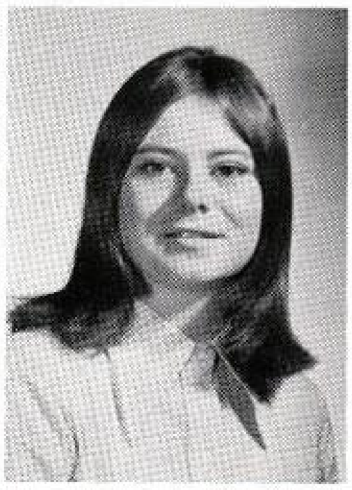


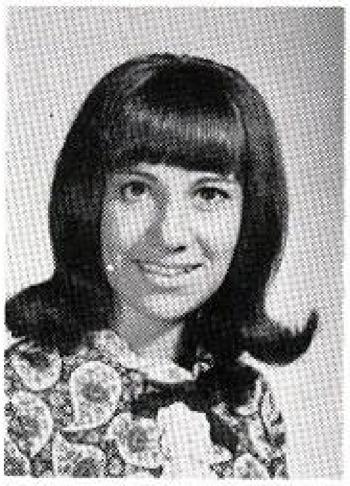


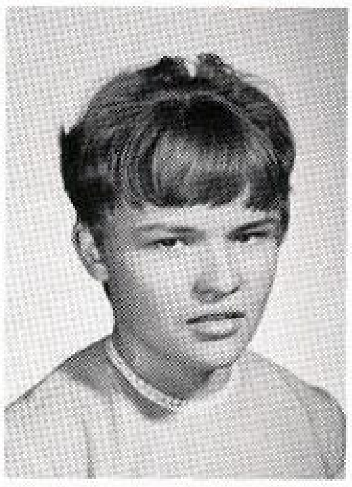
As early as registration day, Dennis Price, at top with Renita Boothe, one of Fruita's most jocose juniors, showed a spark of the mischievous good-humor which characterized his class in '70. Judy LaMar, above, right, was also in fine fettle modeling hats in French Class. Judy served juniors as treasurer in their miserly attempt to hoard money (ugh!) to cover prom debts. When classmen tore down decorations after the gala outing, instead of destroying the many-colored baubles, juniors hawked them to the junior high (which will buy anything). Pam Baker and Jackie Huskey, above, left, represented juniors with the *Our Town* cast; they sounded off.

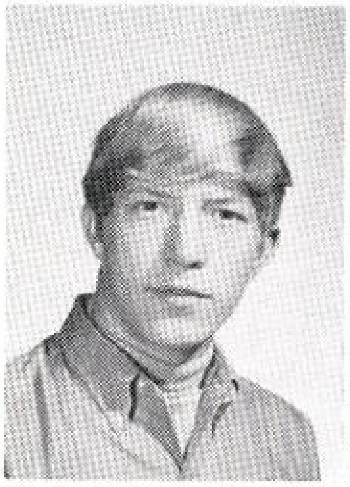
Whetting their appetite for both the kickie and the keen, juniors plunged into a whirling round of fun fests. In October homecoming held sway; its magnetism for middlemen was more forceful than any eight-months-away prom. Sheila Sewell came up with a dreamy idea for a covered-wagon float pulled by a Mustang whipped by a Wildcat!

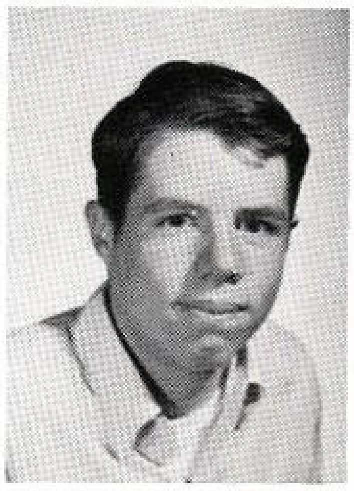


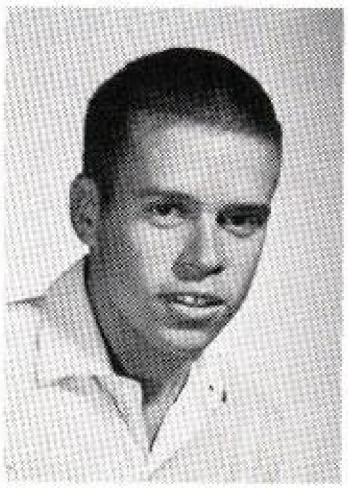






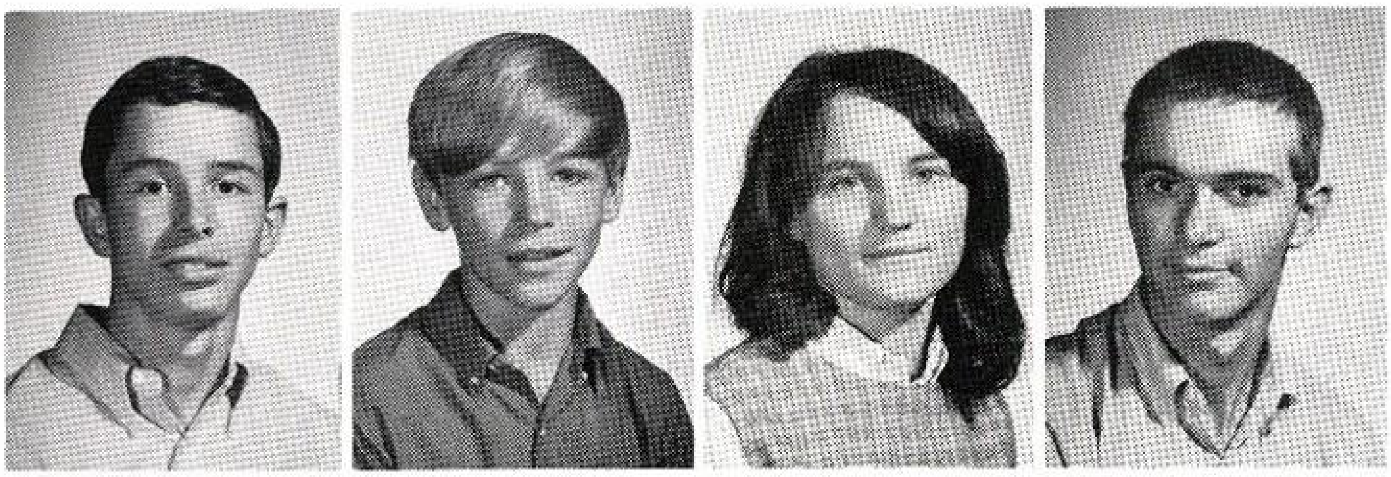






Madcap Juniors Finished First in Float Art

Mary Kay Mogenson and Aronda Greenhow said the float horse should be made of *papier mache*, but money-conscious juniors vetoed that notion. A wooden frame covered with napkins worked well enough — expecially with John Silence and Thomas Groves walking underneath to move the horse up and down during the parade. John was the "moving part."



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Wilma Clawson
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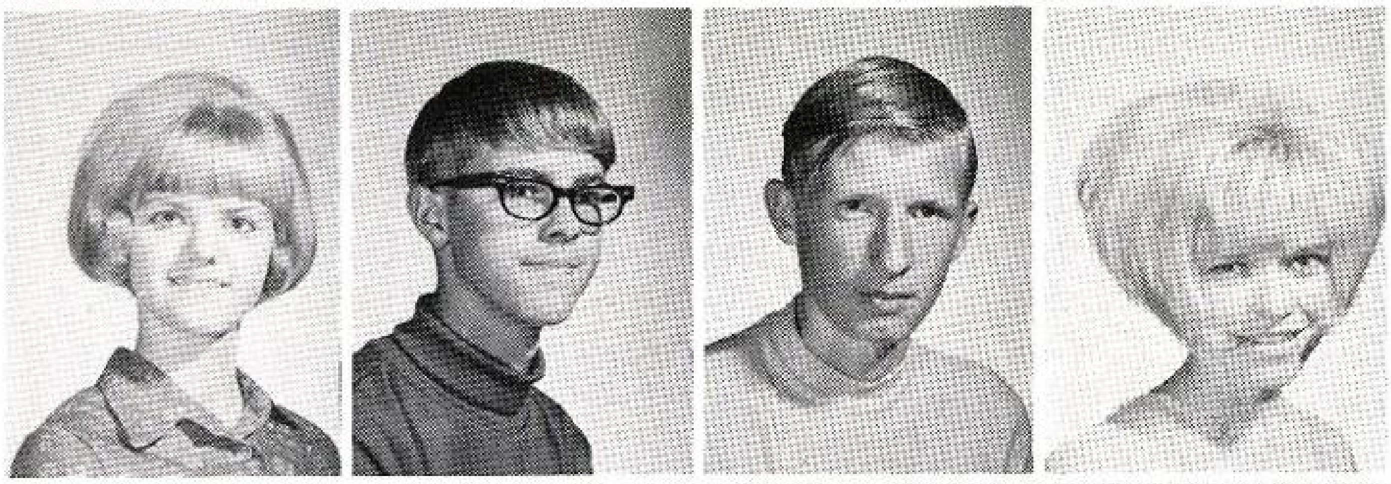

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Jean Coup
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Bob Davis
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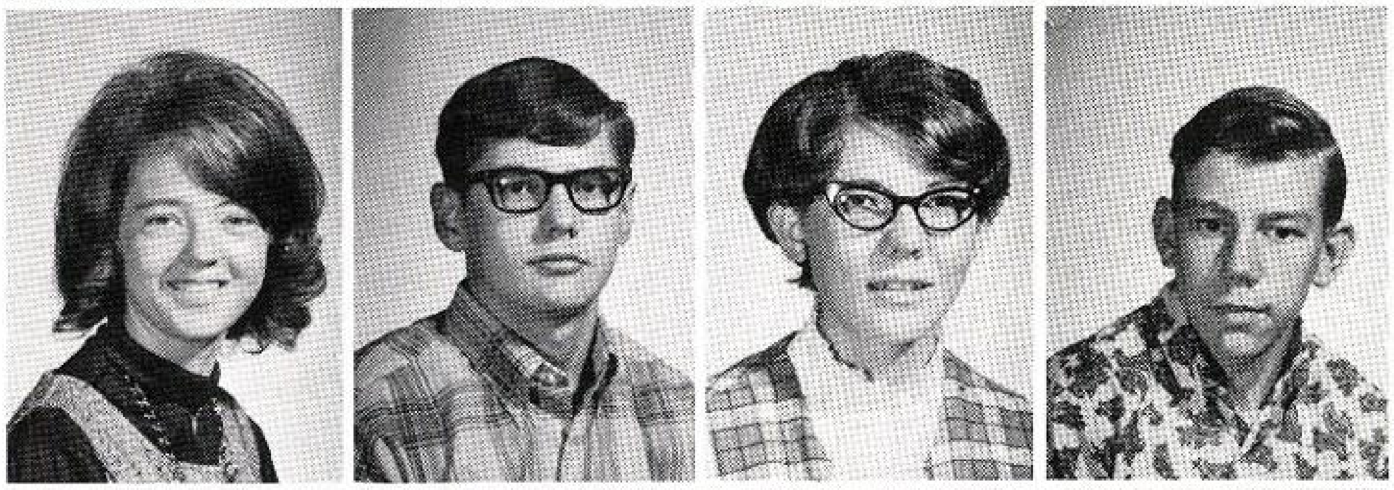
Marie Downs



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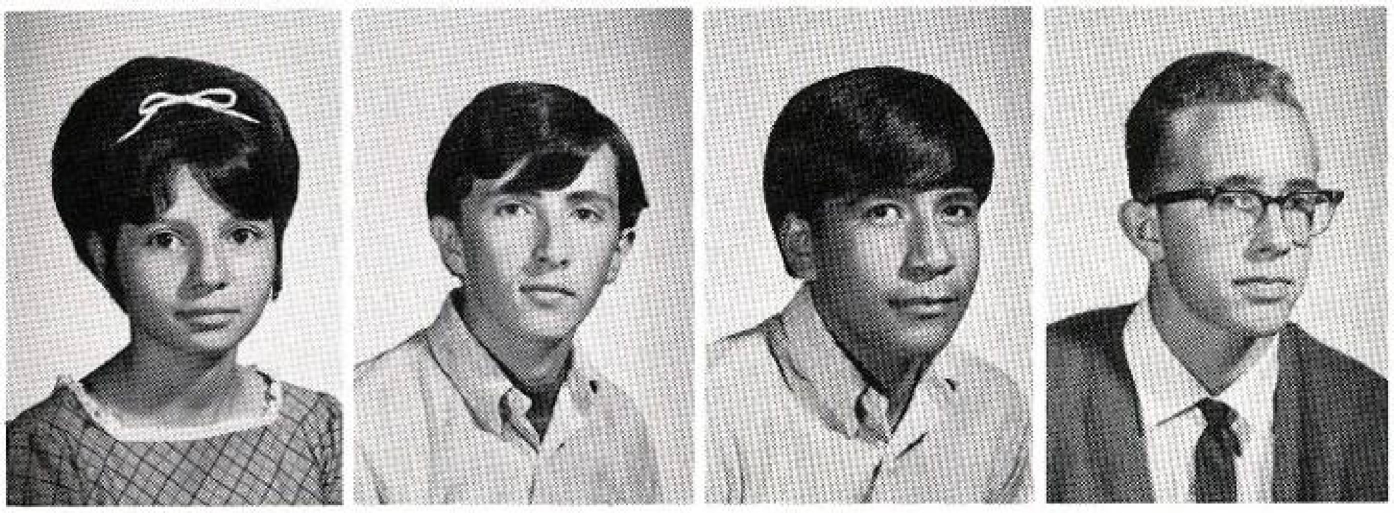

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Paulie Fugate
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Ron Garcia
Thomas Gibson

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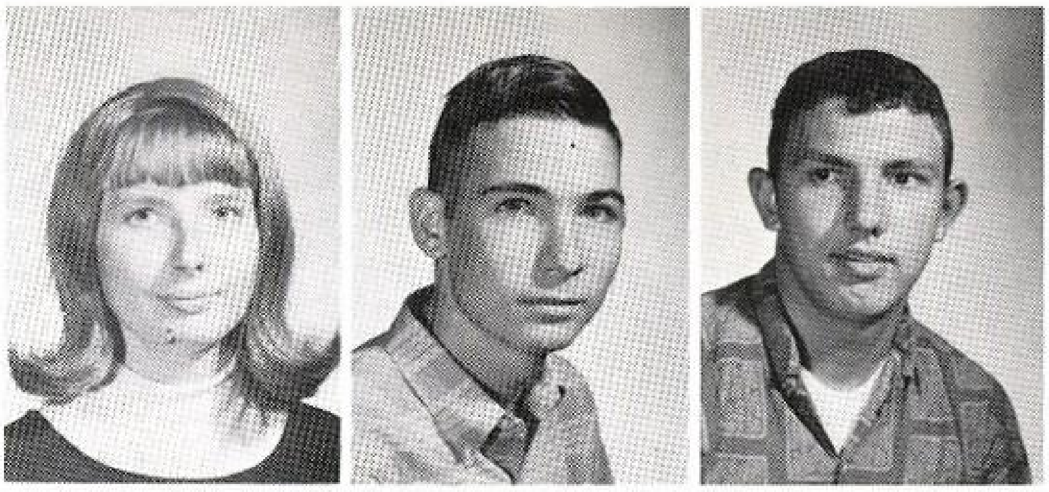
Naomi Gunn
Don Hall



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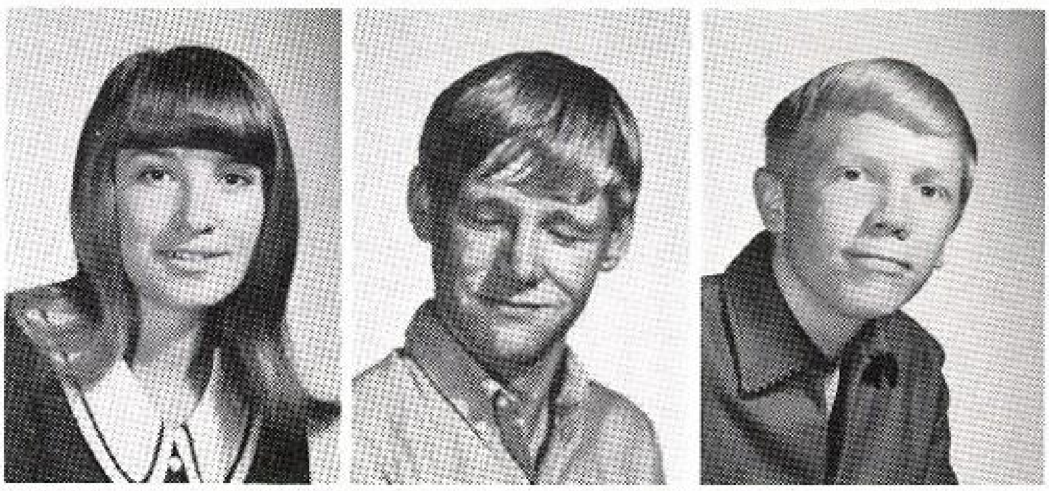

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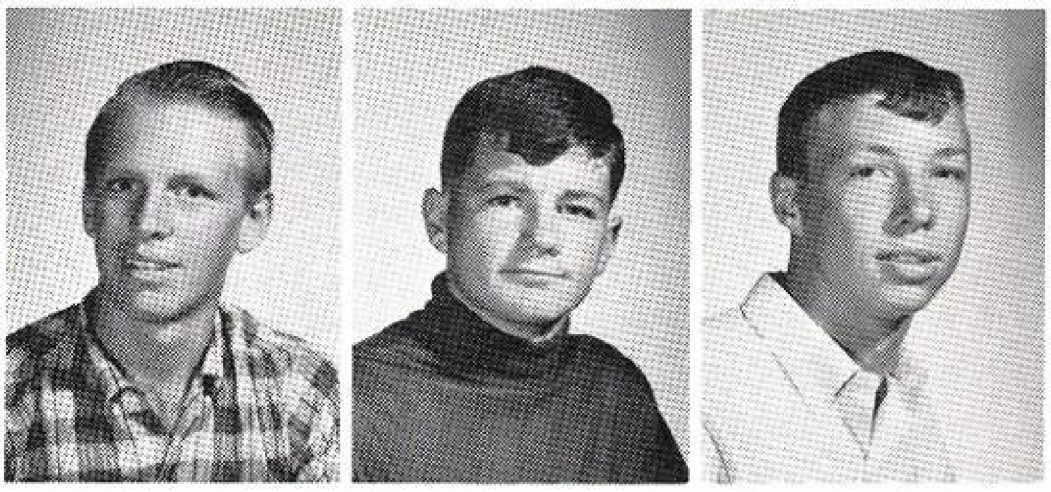
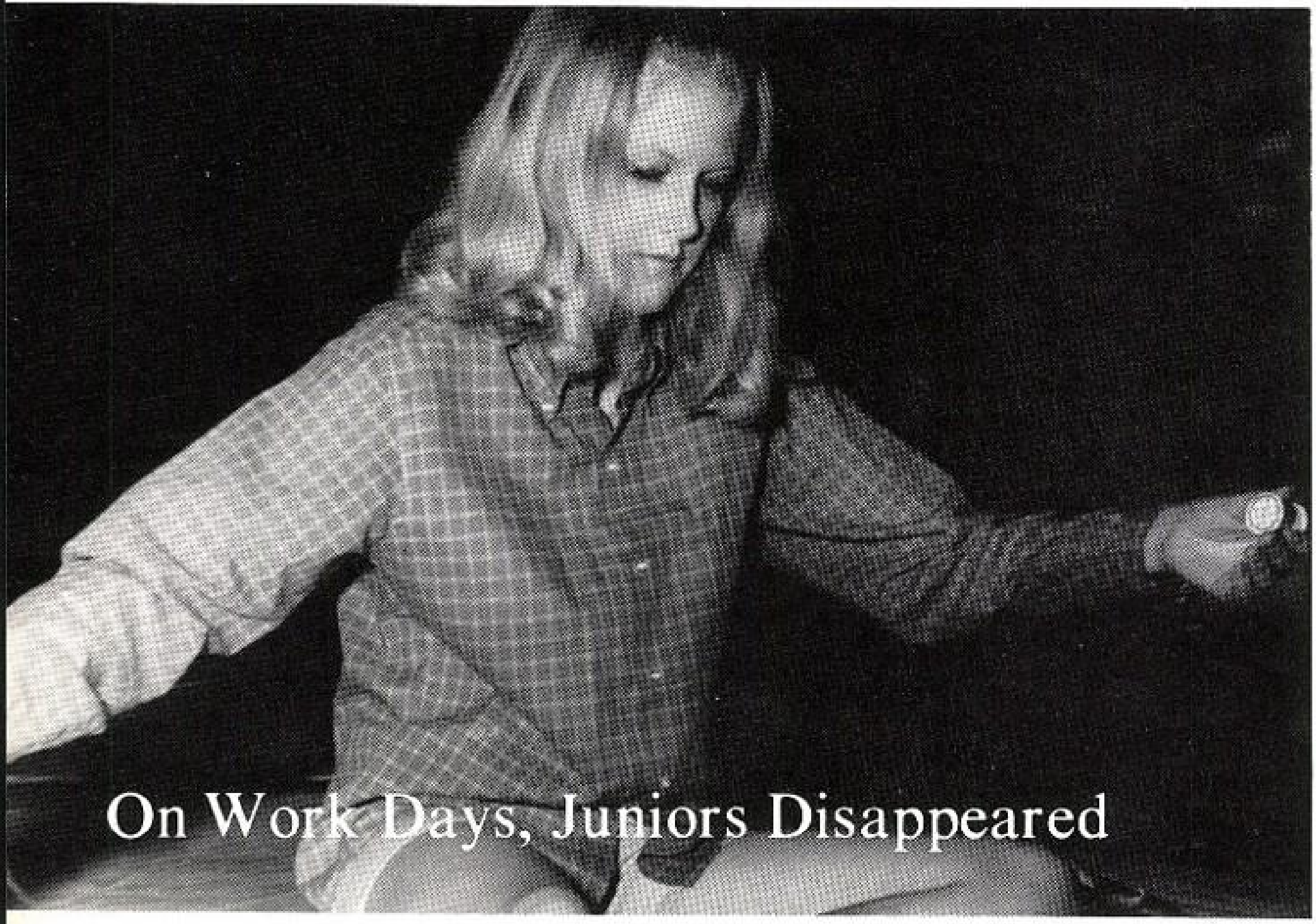
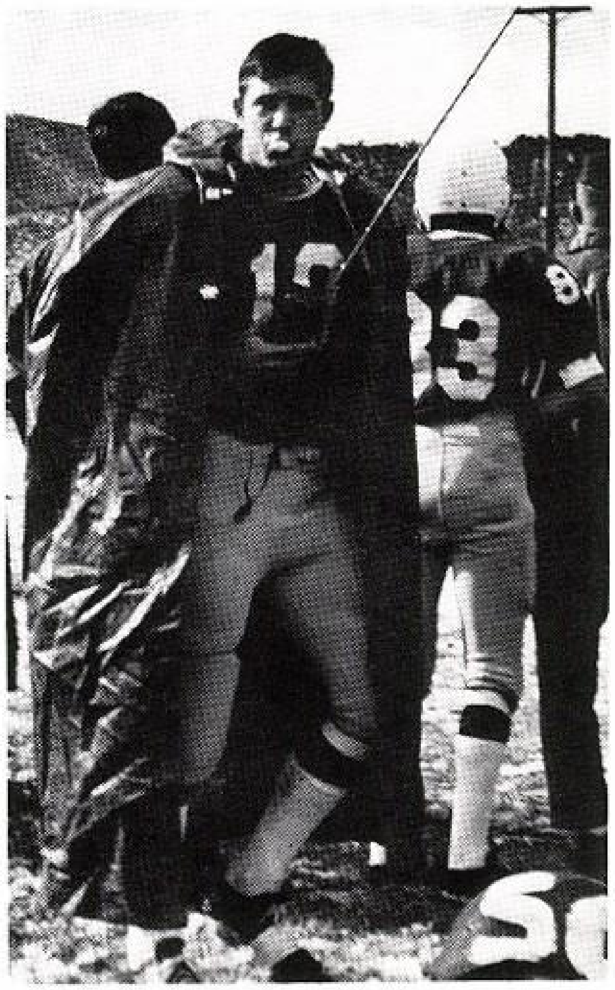


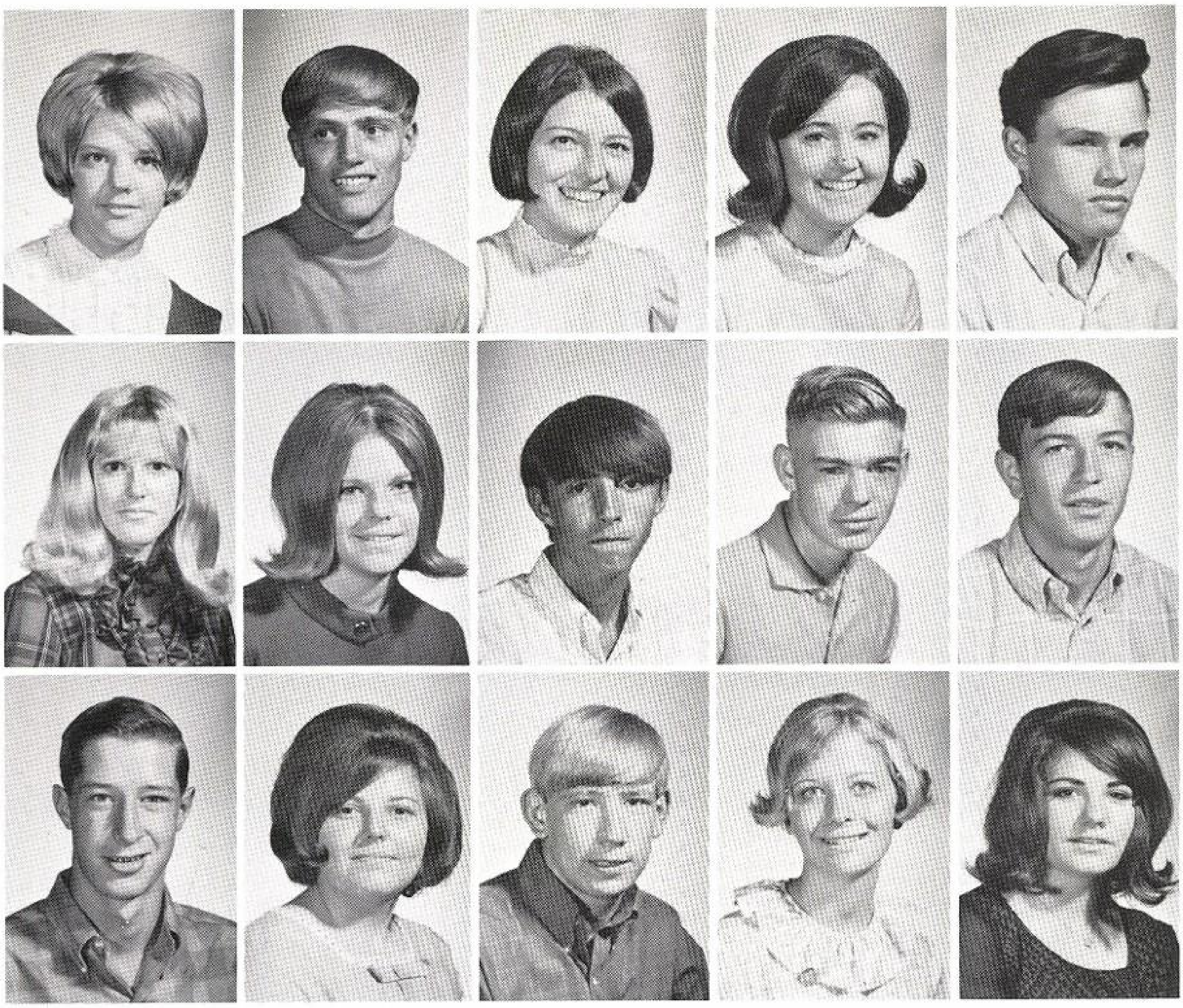
Jackie Huskey patches up the castle.



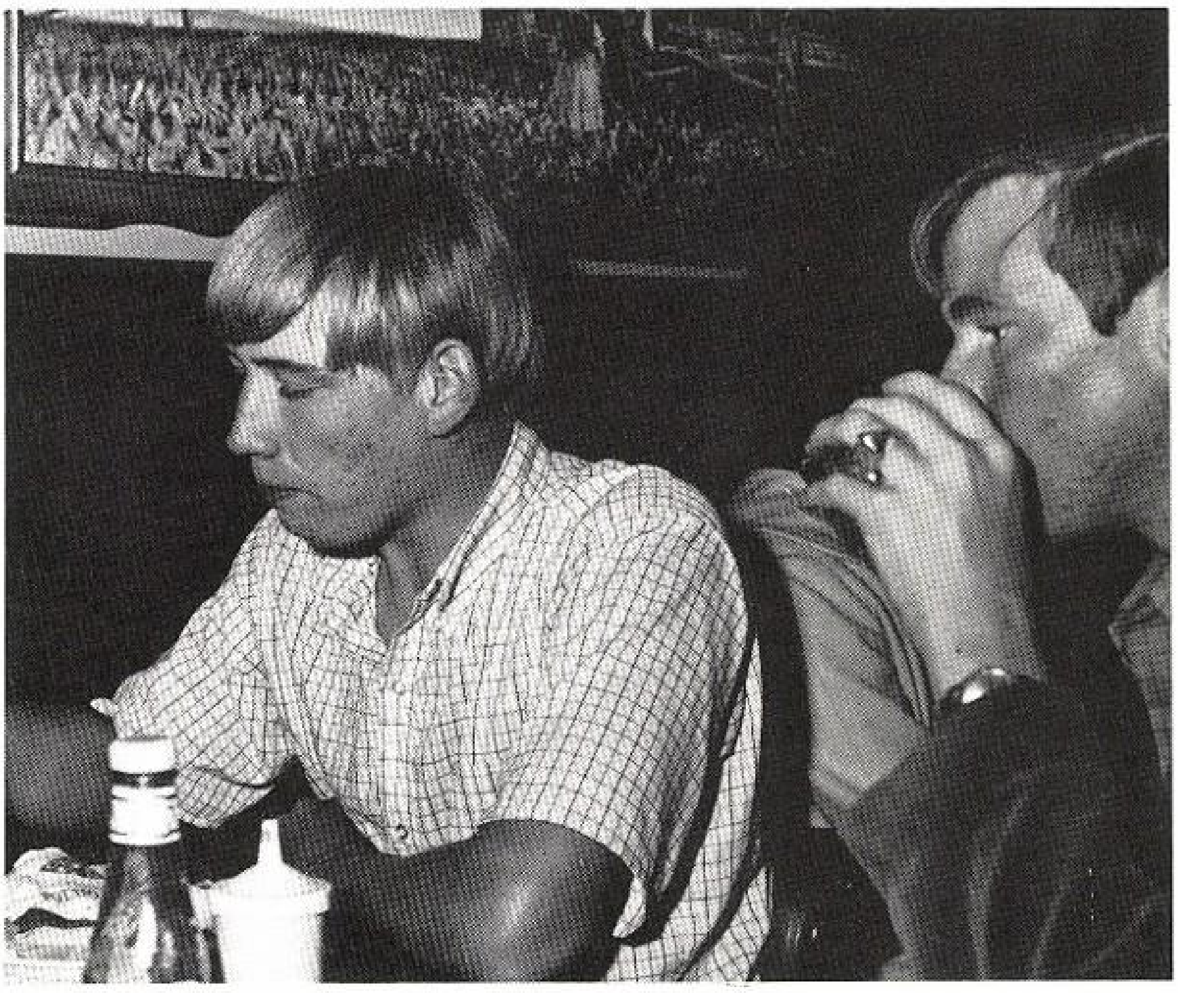
On Work Days, Juniors Disappeared

Wayne Schafer blew it.

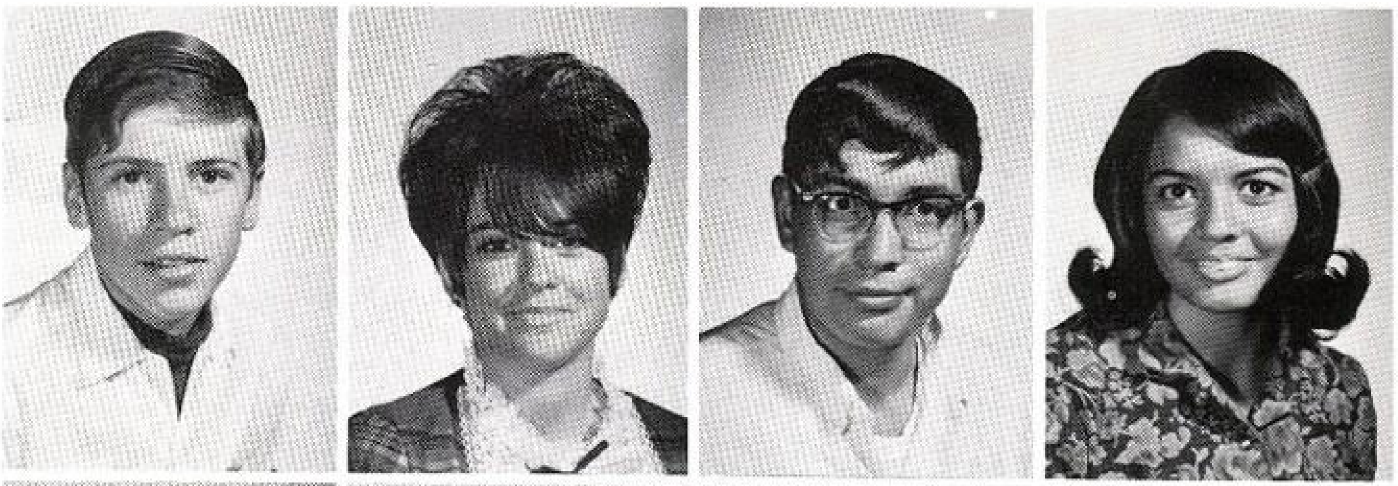




Cagey enough to start John Silence moving, Juniors realized that their talents were limitless and that the world was their basketball. Skipping through the months, juniors proved to be Fruita's bounciest class. With *Onward, Wildcats! Victory Ho!* second classmen swept aside all other competition to garner glory (and $15) while seniors still were trying to figure out what the graduate concoction really was. Popcorn-weary juniors also held down the concessions stand at homecoming; they scurried to Kris Keith's home after a wet, soggy parade to sack some corn and verbalize still other kernals of wit and wisdom. Adept at all manner of fund-raising and hair-raising schemes, juniors came up with yet another winner: The Princess Pageant, which collected $100. Larry Reed organized the tot debut.



Steve Laimbock and John Ludlam.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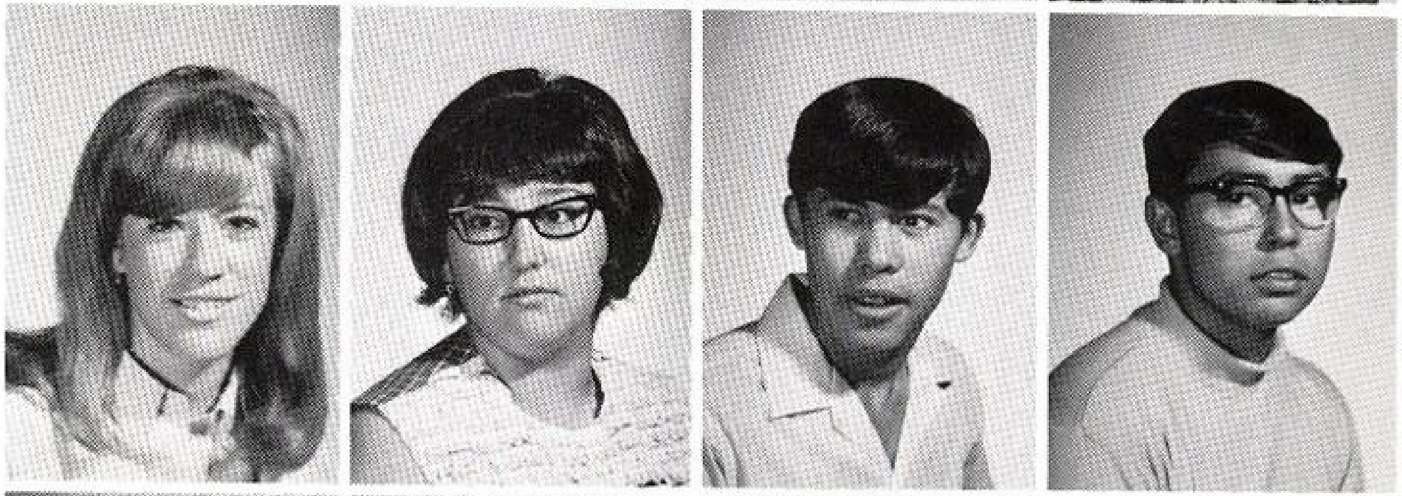
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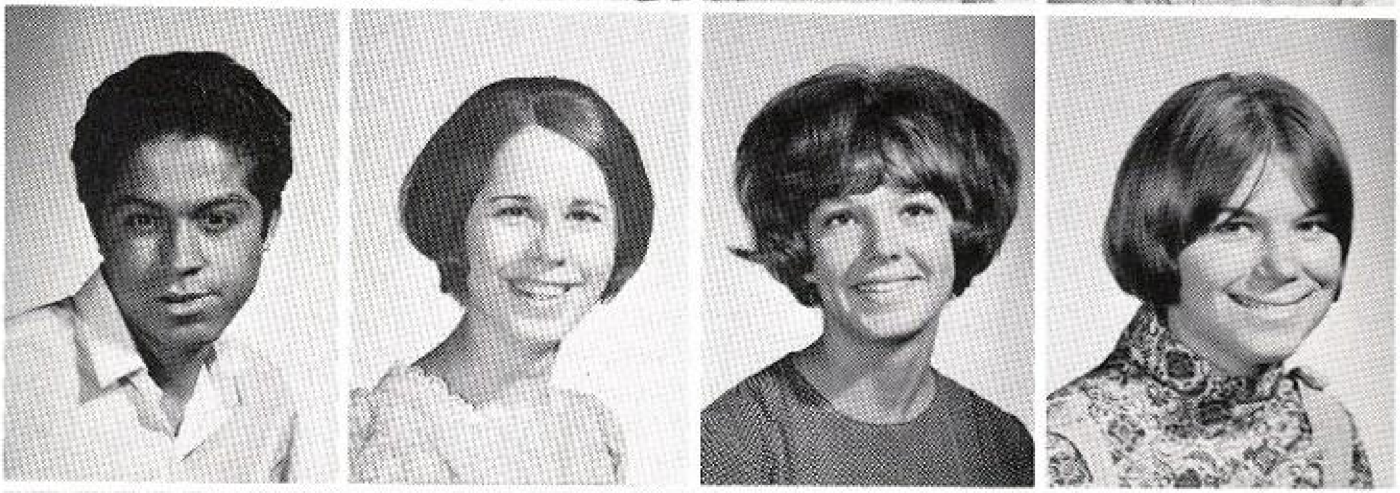
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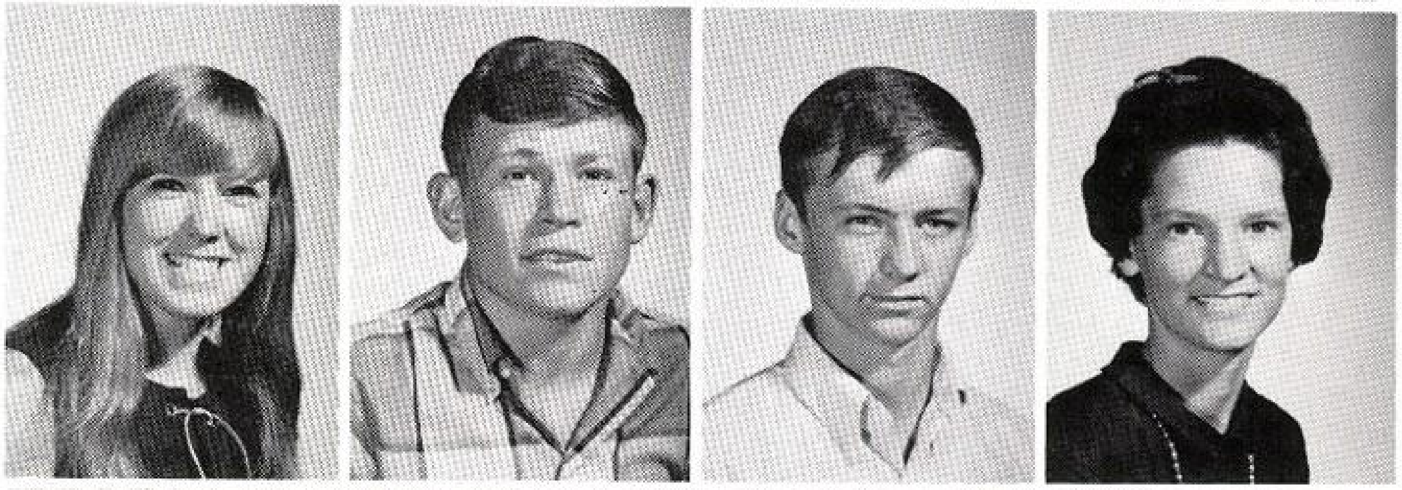
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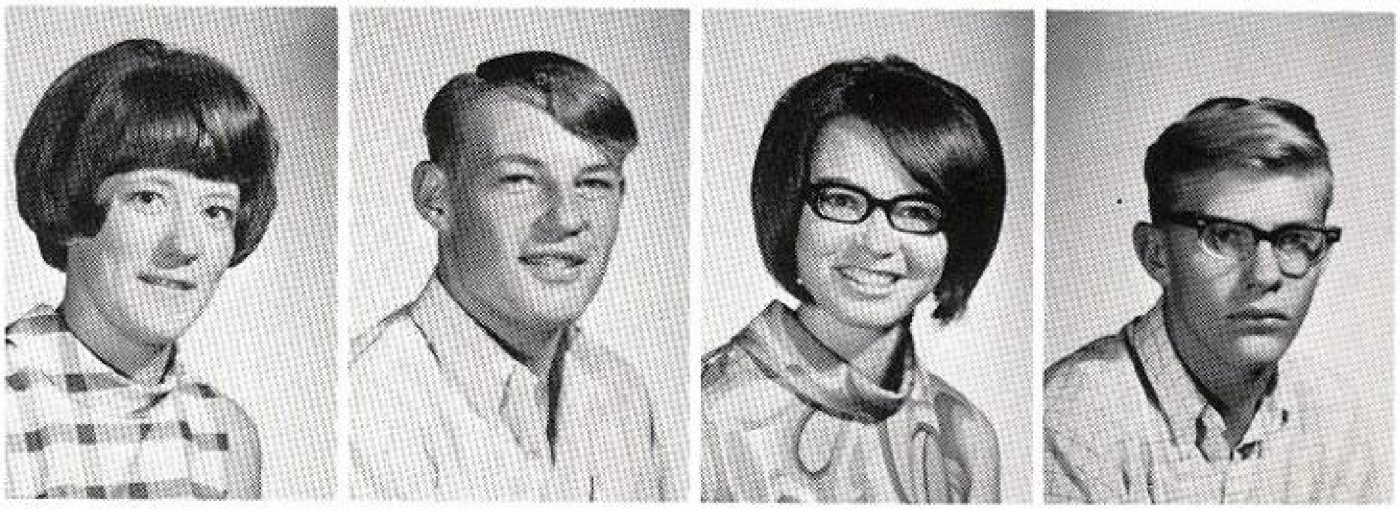
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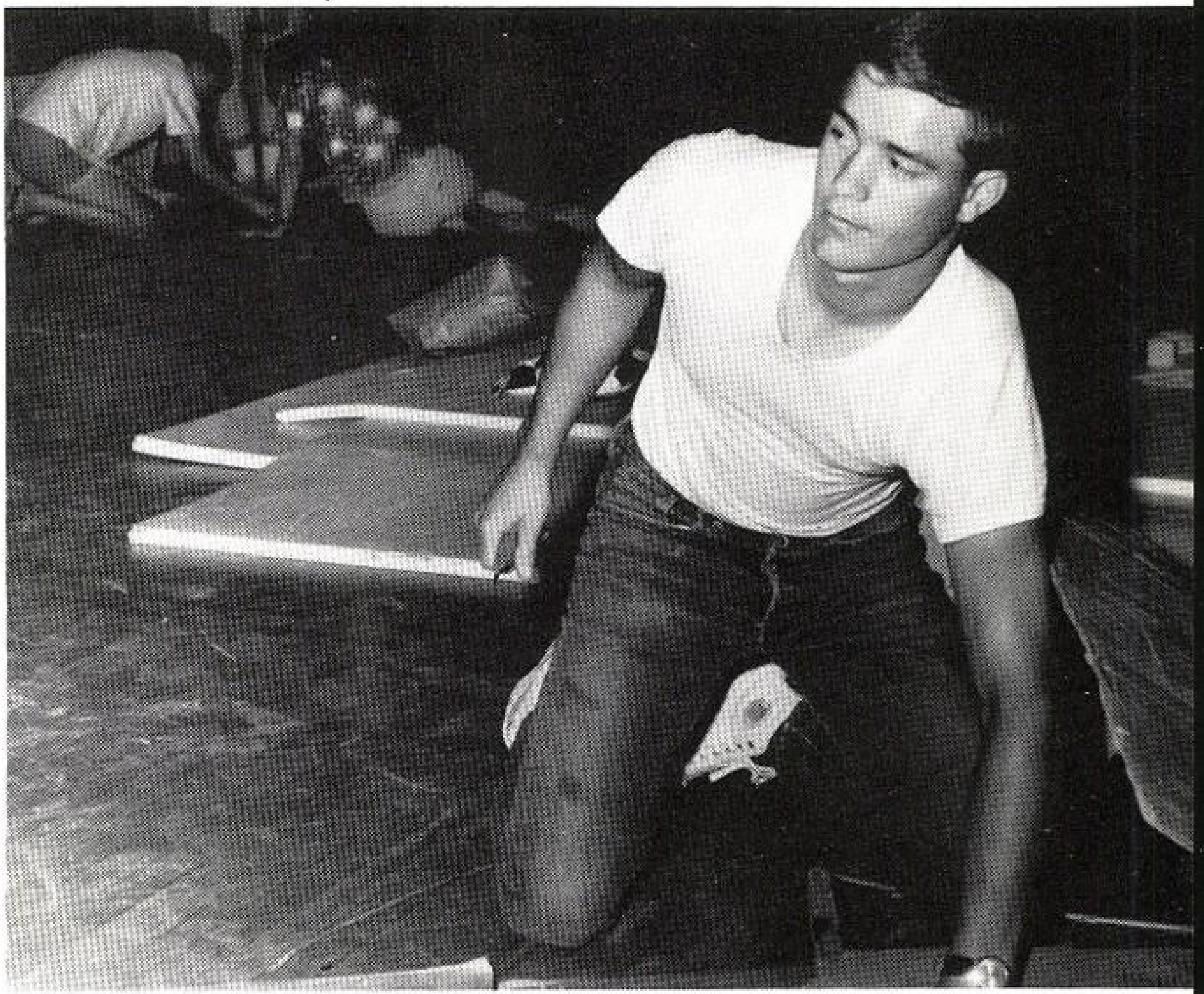
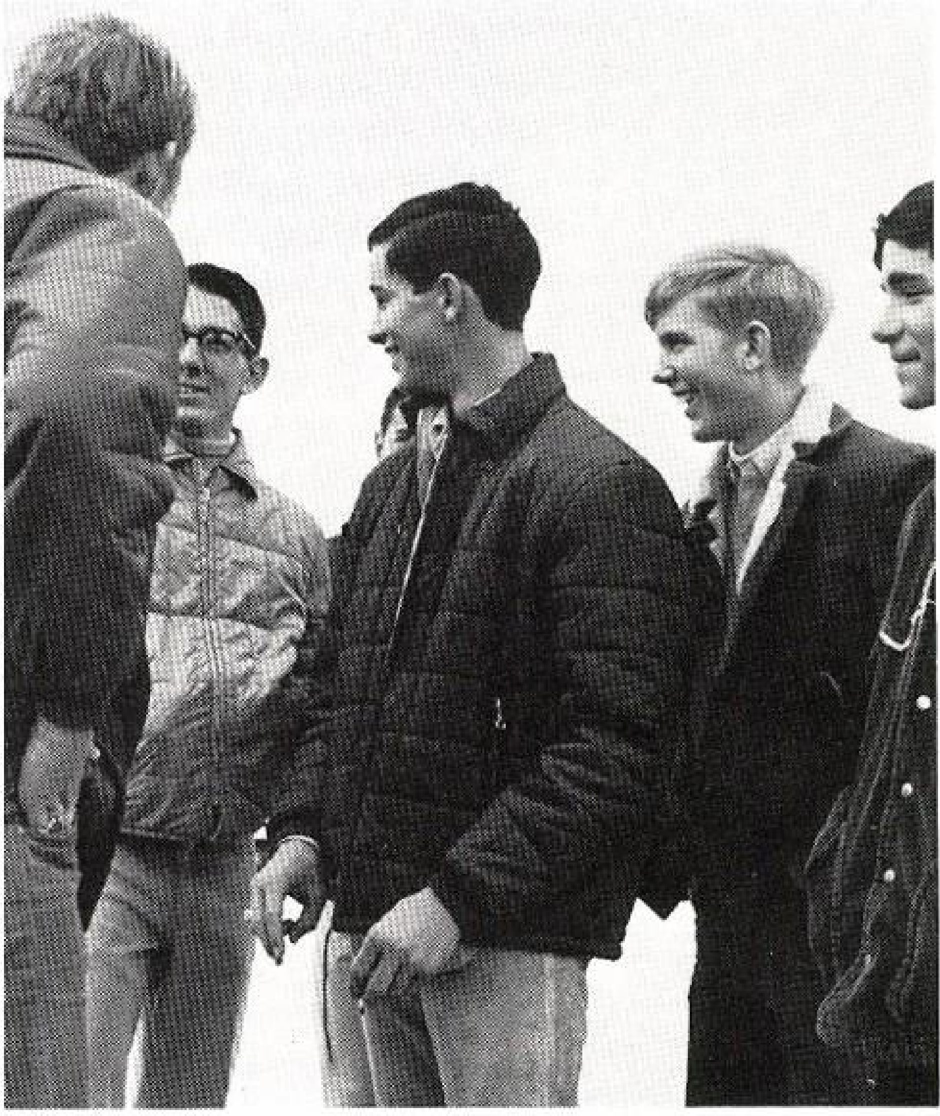
Promotions Mushroomed into A Golden Goose

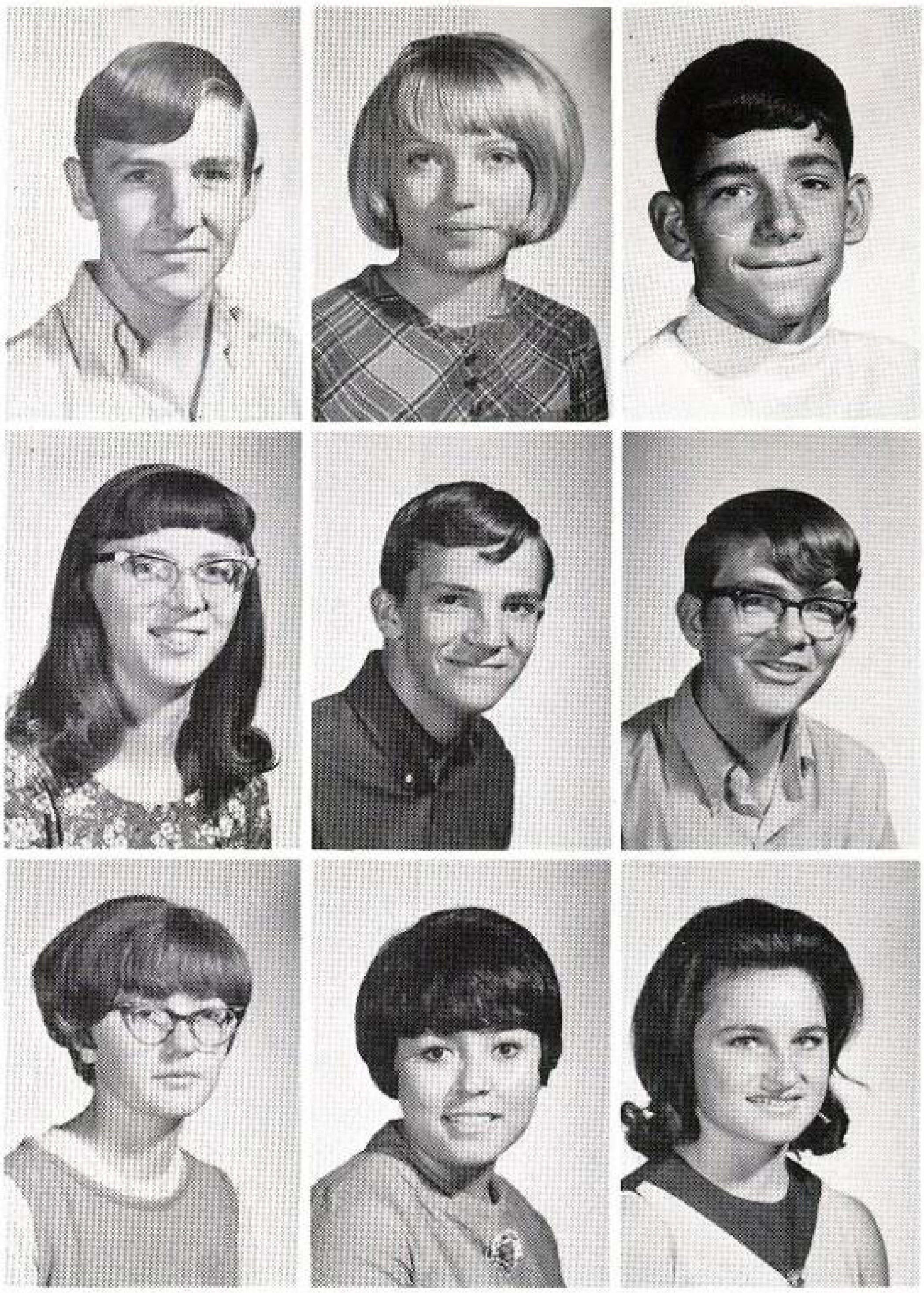
Tomato-by-tomato, juniors worked their way to rainbow's end that fall — mostly at Boswells'. A quick count revealed less than $100 in the old pot, so they searched for a goose that could lay a golden egg. The year became a ceaseless series of adventures in finance starting from scratch. By prom time, juniors had just about concluded that it was they who had laid the egg. But somehow, once again resorting to magic, juniors won the day. All those hours selling concessions, washing cars, picking tomatoes, caring for lawns became the foundation on which Camelot stood, solvent. In addition to decorations chairmen Patti Combs and Kent Tompkins, prom potentates included Jackie Huskey and Larry Reed, banquet chiefs; Mary Kay Mogensen and Ken Blanchard, in charge of servers; Jackie Guccini and Kris Keith, music; Gail Hampton, Tom Sommerville, program chairmen. They earned plaudits.



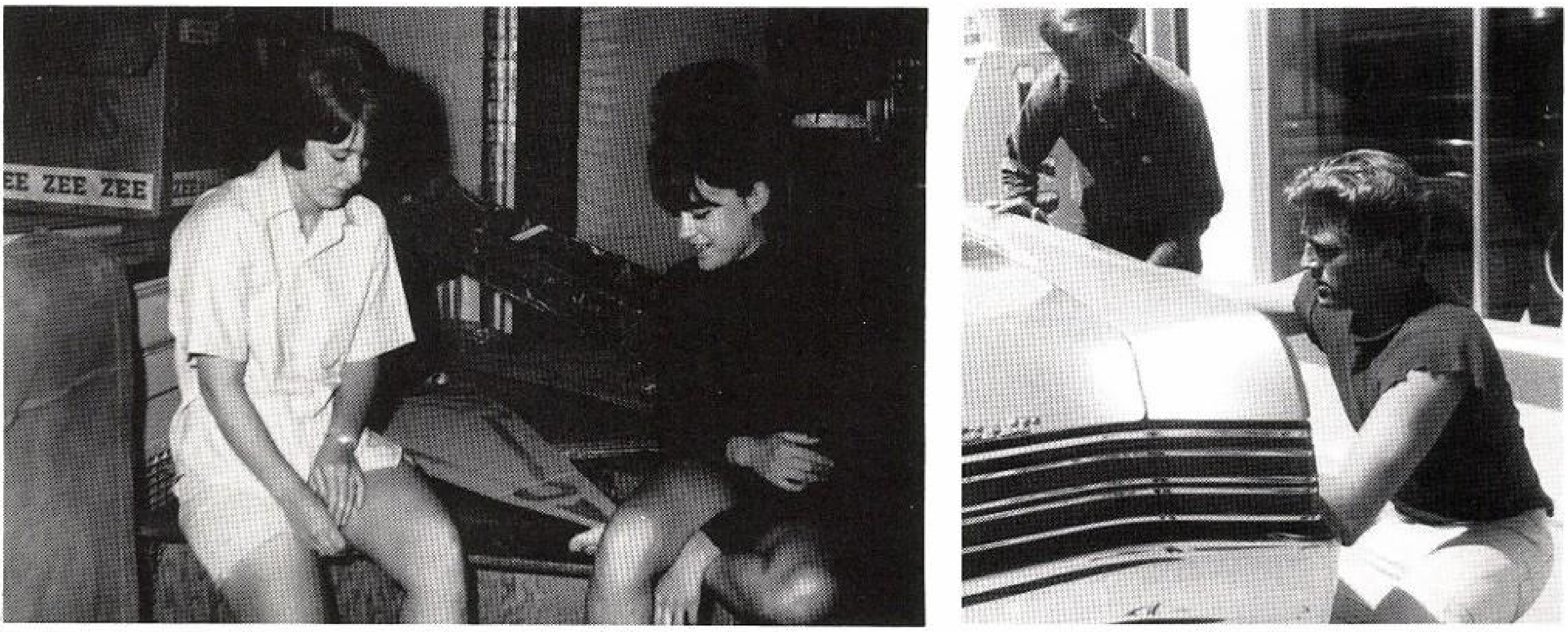
Leora Valencia, above, volunteered to work for the prom. Juniors showed a knack for organizing a project, and their class certainly was cemented more tightly toward a common aim than any other. Yet when work faced the class only a few pitched in; others vanished.



Wayne Schafer, top, wielded a knife well cutting out Camelot. Above, Larry Bond, Tom Sommerville, Jim Carlucci, Ken Blanchard and Chris Osborn chat during the Meeker-Fruita playoff game. Larry Bond was a willing worker, always on hand to help. Tom nabbed a *Wildcat* title.

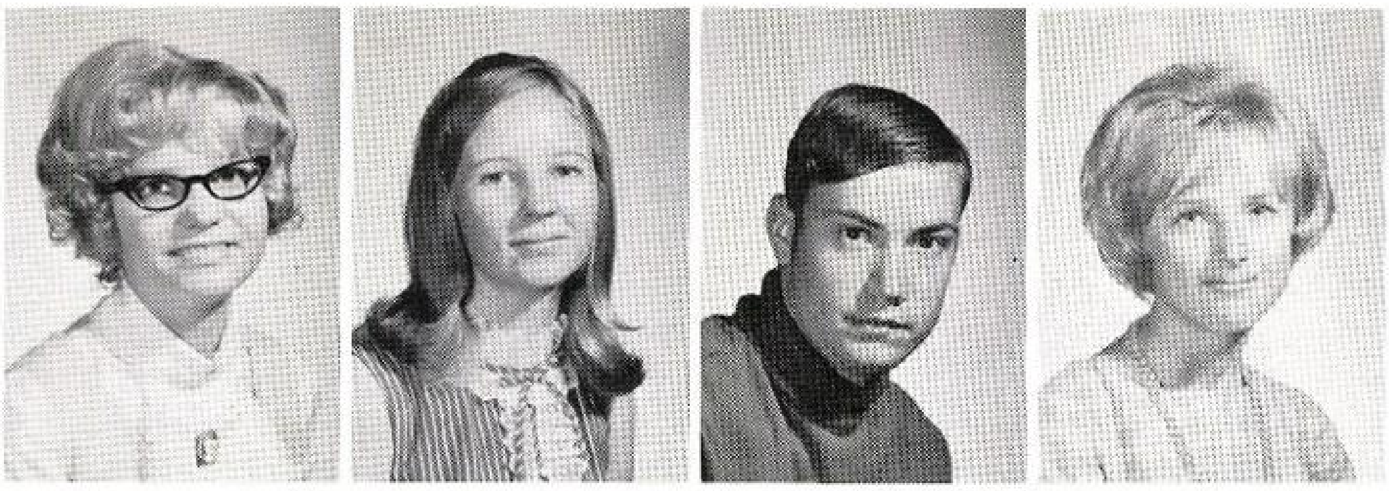


Kind-hearted custodians and sponsors with true grit stayed with juniors as hours ticked toward morning and prom day loomed. Mr. Patrick Veerkamp earned special praise for his tireless and creative efforts in design. Mr. William Kinman, Mr. Tom Rieniets, Mr. Ted Lorts and Mr. Elton Crow also kept the midnight vigil with juniors; it was a worrysome time. Aching muscles, smudged faces, tired feet turned up hours later to dance the evening away, forgetful of the prior panic. What better way to say goodbye to the Class of '69? Early Sunday morning as the decorations came down, juniors could scoff about the time Judy LaMar scattered homemade rolls across City Market's floor at a bake sale, picked them up, dusted them off and sold them 'good-as-new' for $1.25! Camelot was the finest prom ever.



Smiles were a little drawn as last-minute work seemed to pile up for Mary Kay Mogensen and Kathy Marinelli. At right, fleet high-scoring football packer, Mickey Bosshardt and sidekick Ken Blanchard, pour a little elbow grease into their car washing.

Stamina: Juniors' Hidden Ace



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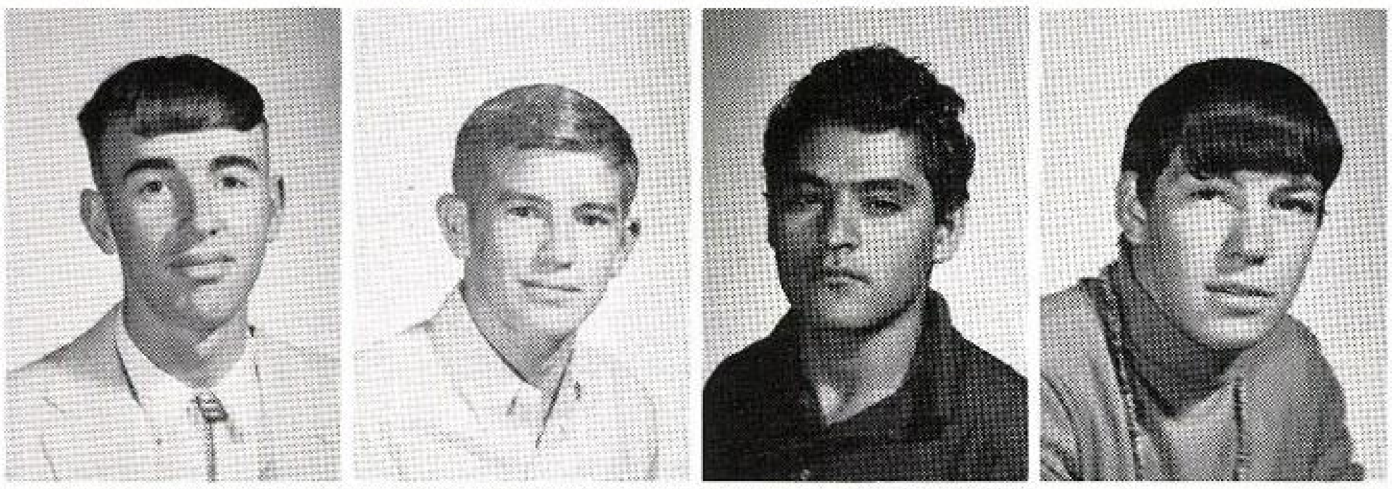

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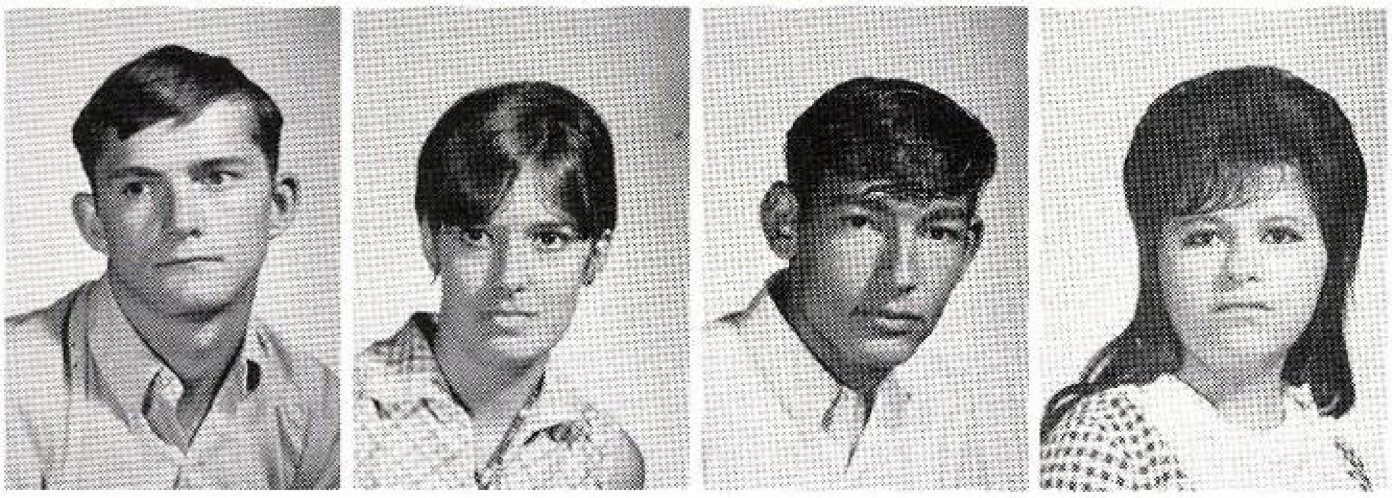

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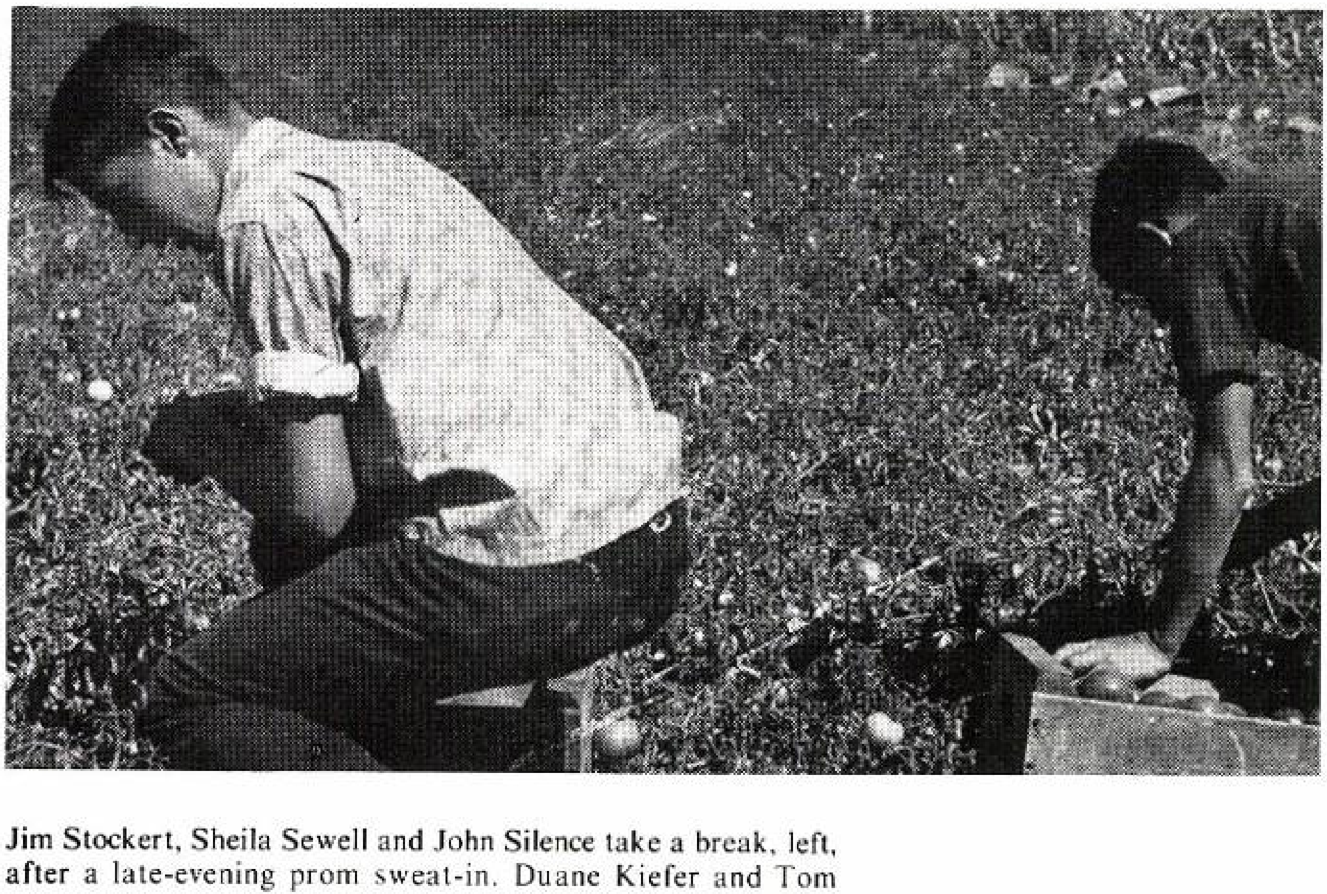

Jim Stockert, Sheila Sewell and John Silence take a break, left, after a late-evening prom sweat-in. Duane Kiefer and Tom Sommerville, above, put their backs into gathering the goodies. Whenever owners were not scanning the field, jovial pranksters turned the patch into a battlefield running red.

A Tomato-Red Year Ended in the Black

Eyeing a new school in the making, a beautiful building where breaking in the new would fall to them, juniors called it a year, for suddenly they were seniors. Memories abounded in days past; accomplishments piled up like tomatoes. Patti Combs was named Miss Wildcat for April; Paulie Fugate won an editorial post with the *Wildcat*.

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Priscilla Serrano
Sheila Sewell
John Silence
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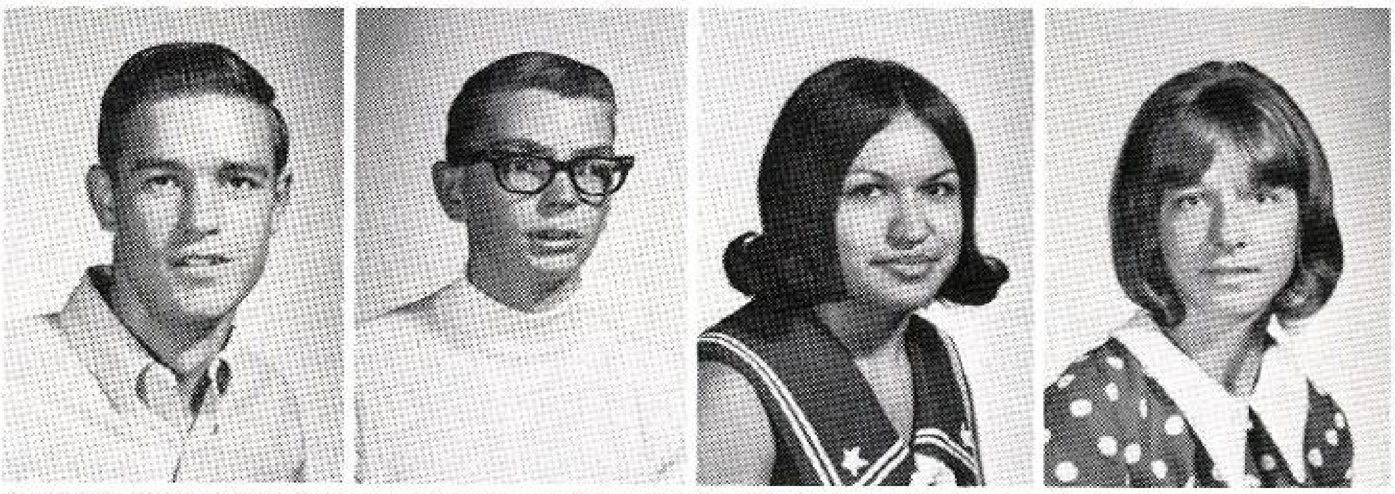

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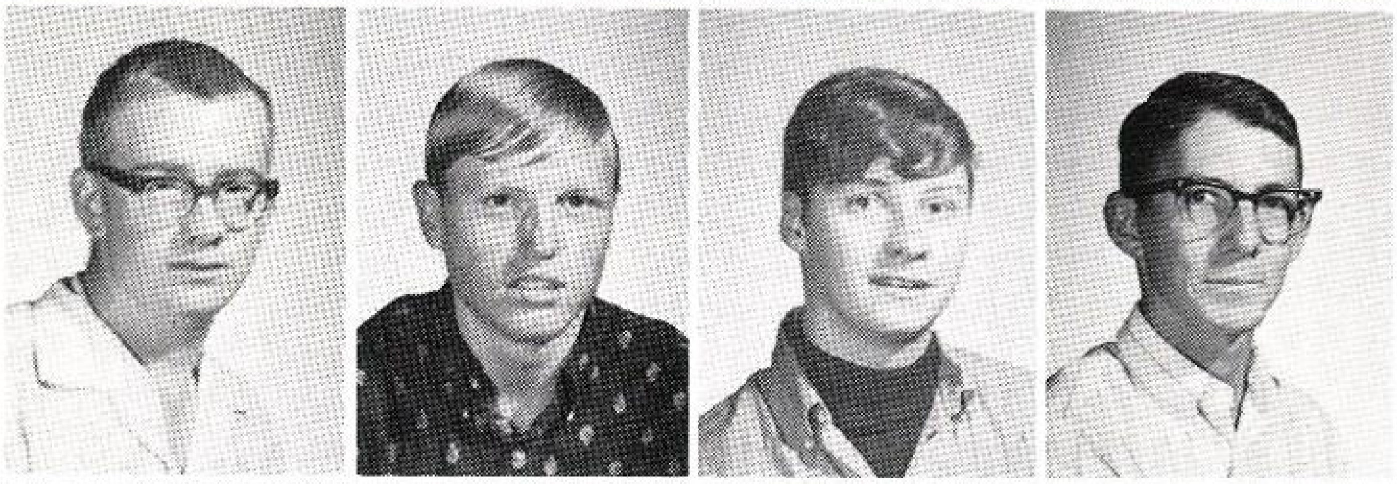

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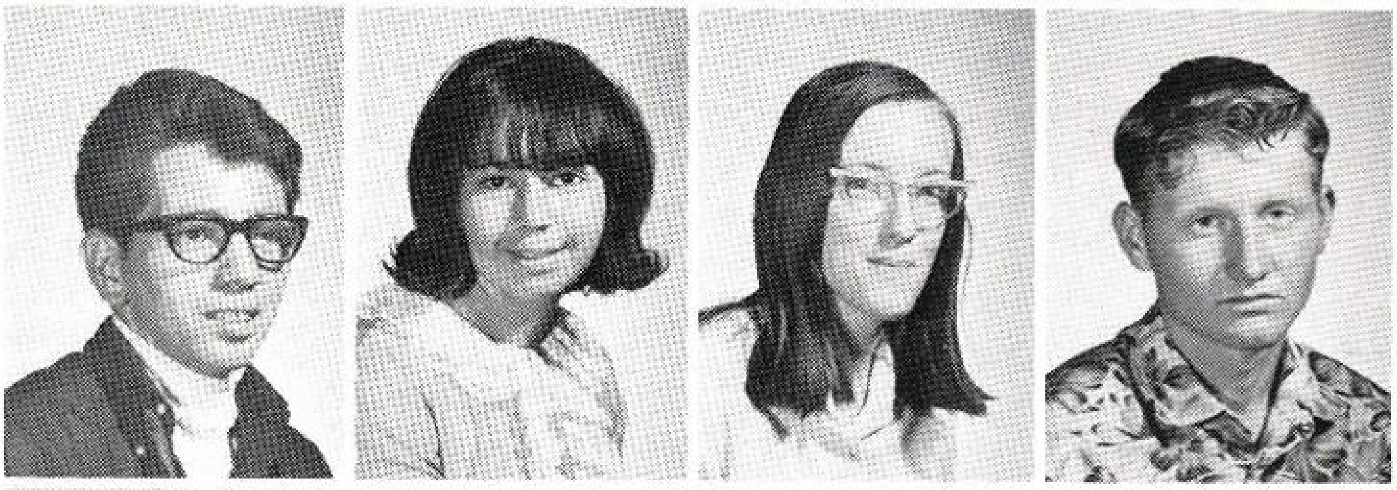

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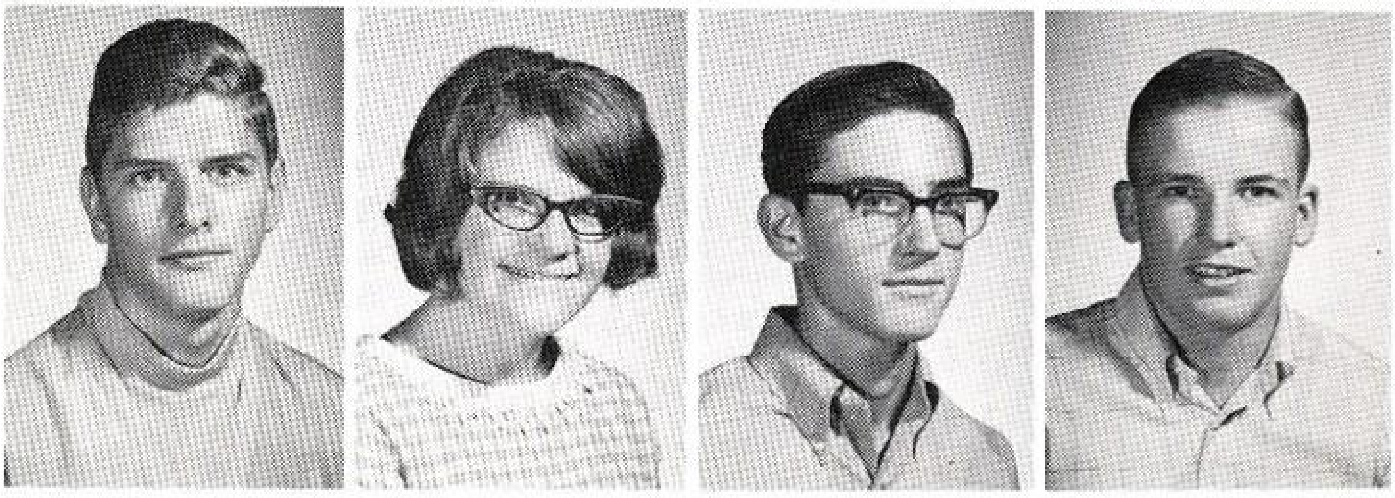
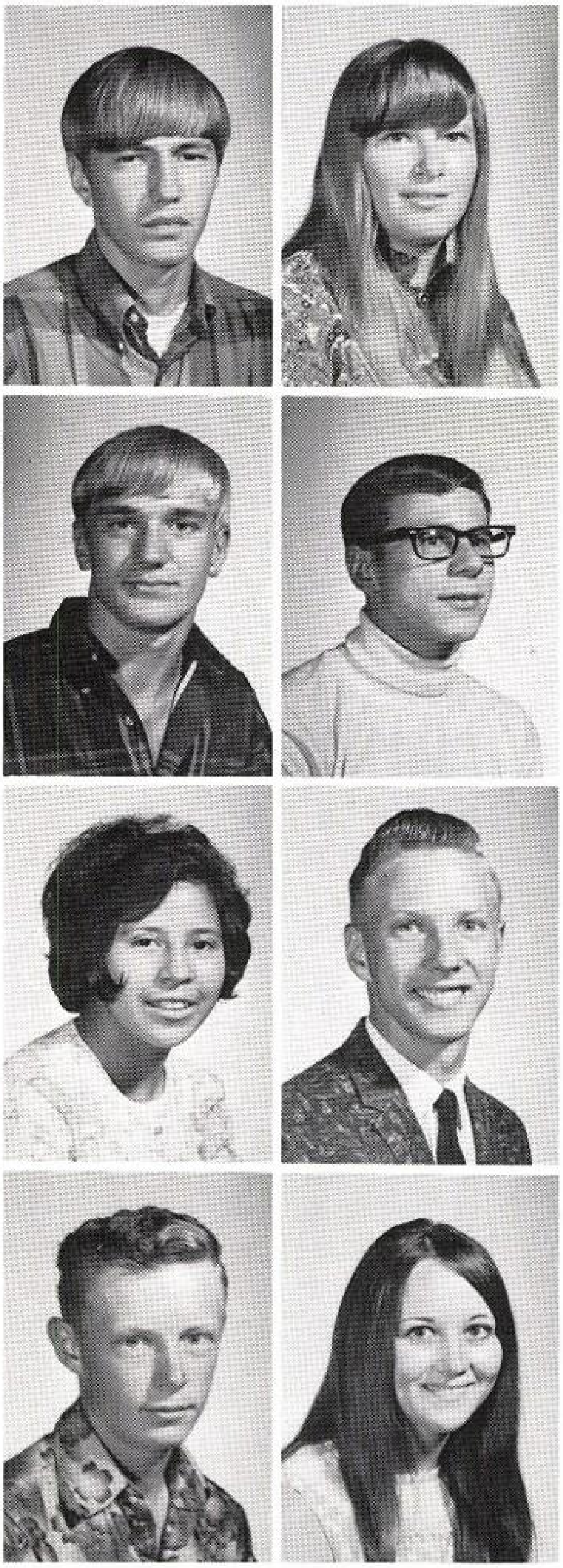
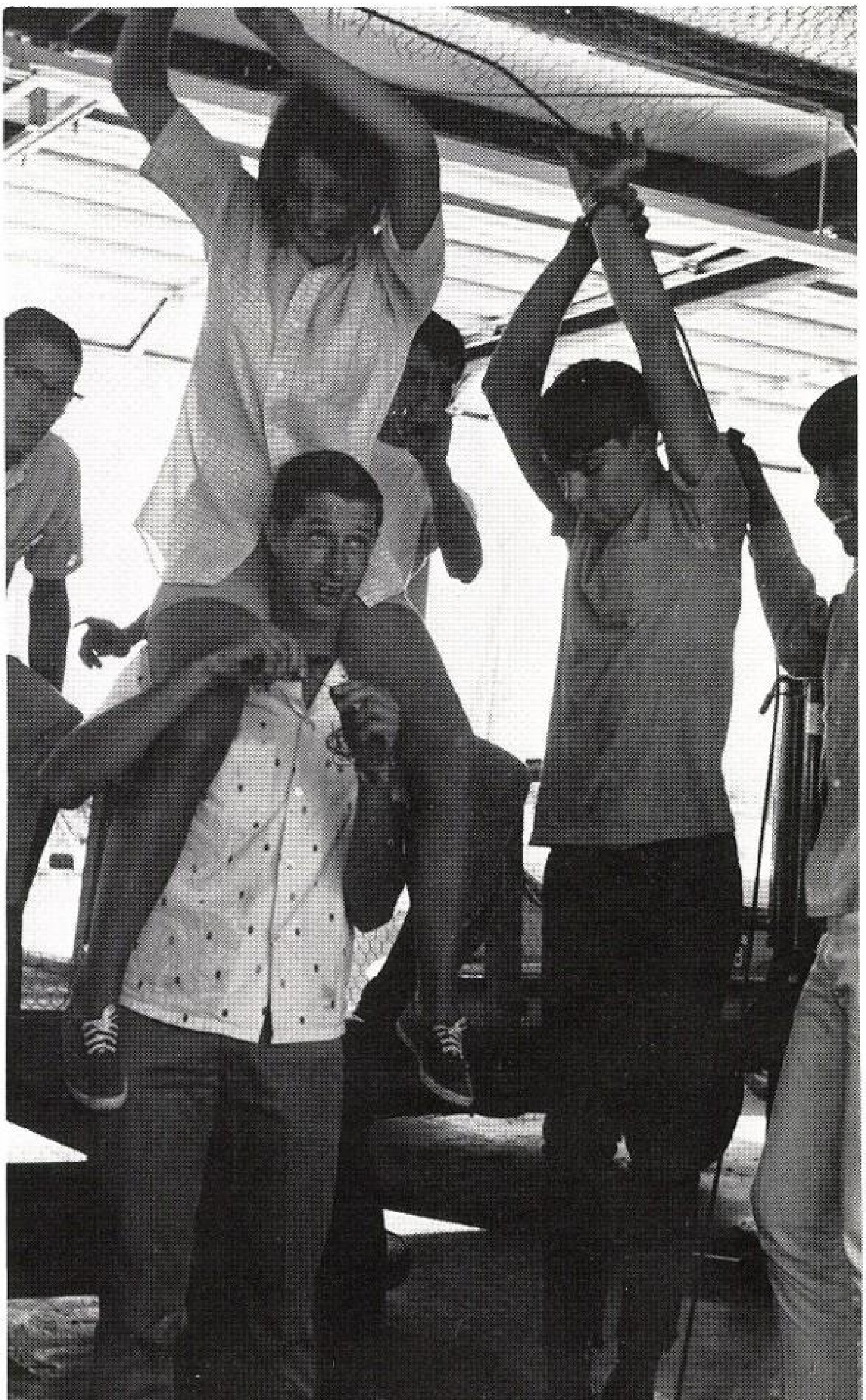


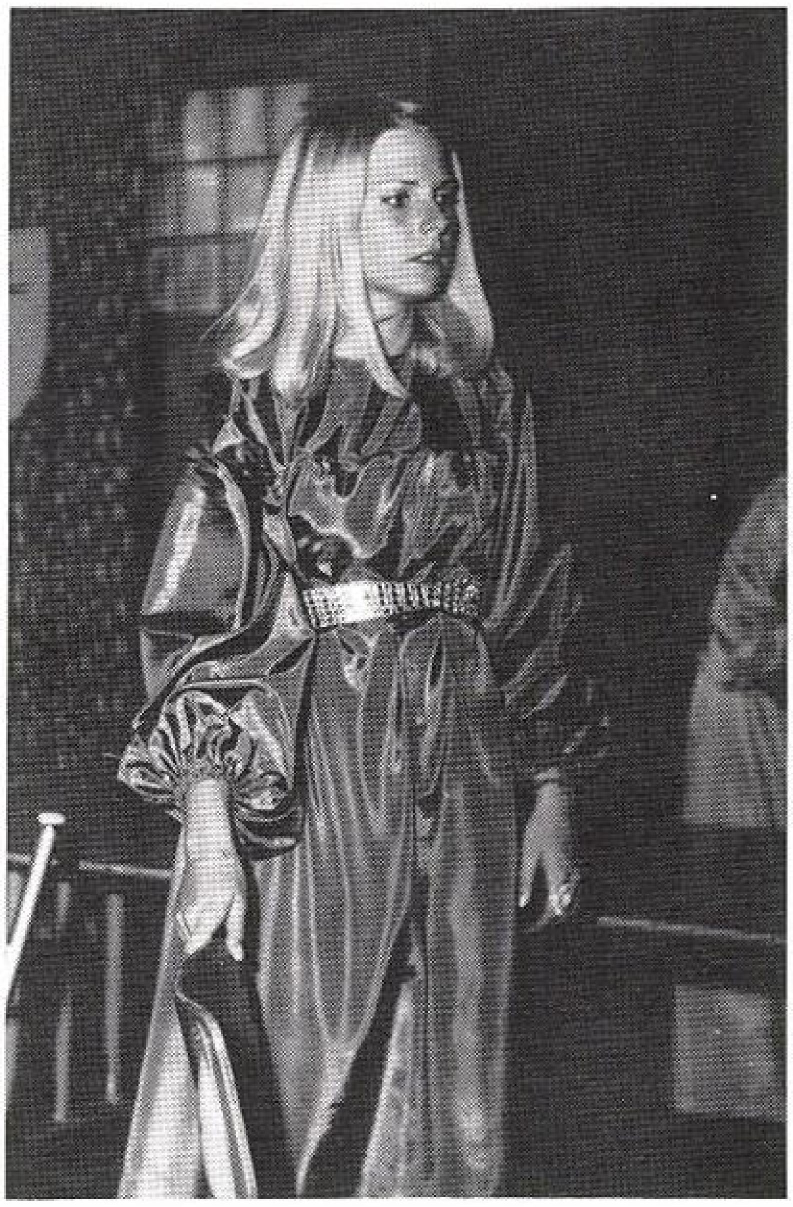
Tom Gibson went after Fruita's highest student office to become Head Boy; Sheila Sewell grabbed student council's secretary-treasurer post. A year of boistrous excitement, jam-packed until the end, closed with a wondrous series of finishing touches. And juniors looked forward to graduating from the new Fruita Monument High School in '70.

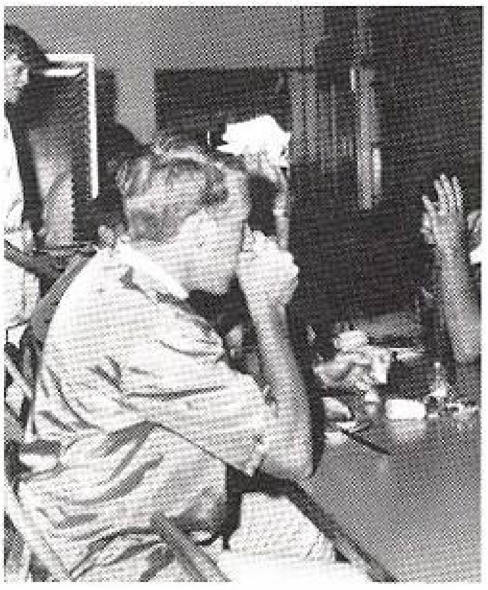


Horsing around on the job, Jackie Guccini, Head Girl in '69, mounted up atop a wobbly steed, handled the difficult tasks while Tom Sommerville, Duane Kiefer, Jim Carlucci, Mike Rich and Ronnie Garcia gave her plenty of room, below. Above are Jan Bristol and Pam Baker at a pep assembly, left, and Larry Watkins, Snowball attendant, with Bonnie Martin.



Sophomores Served Up Surprises





Class of '71

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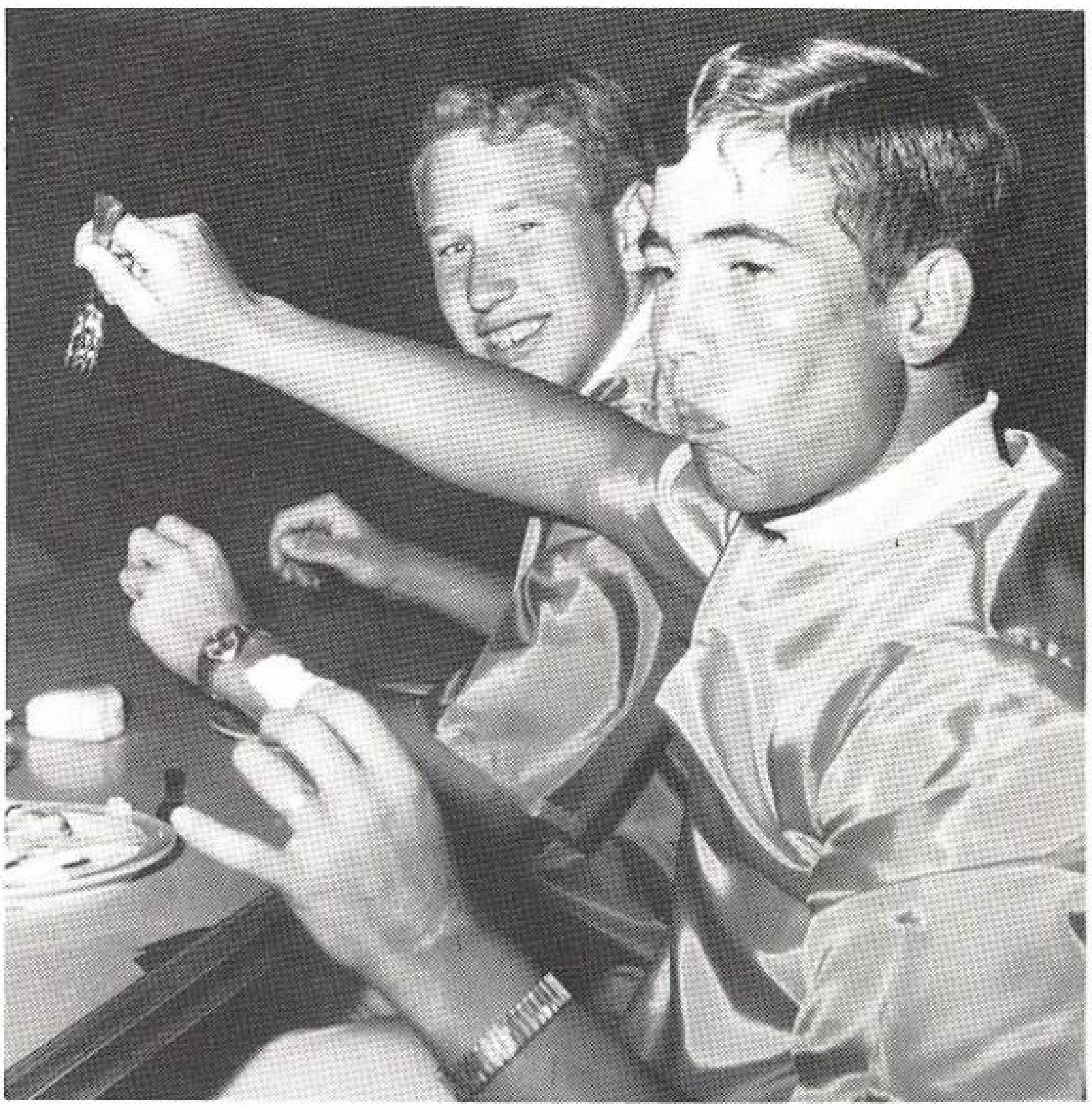

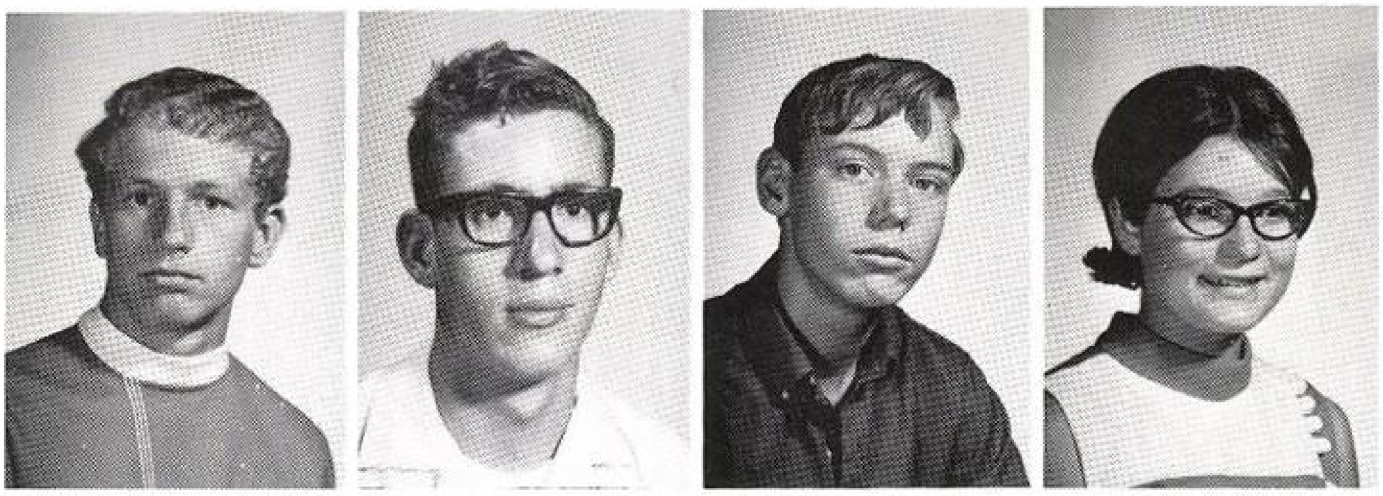

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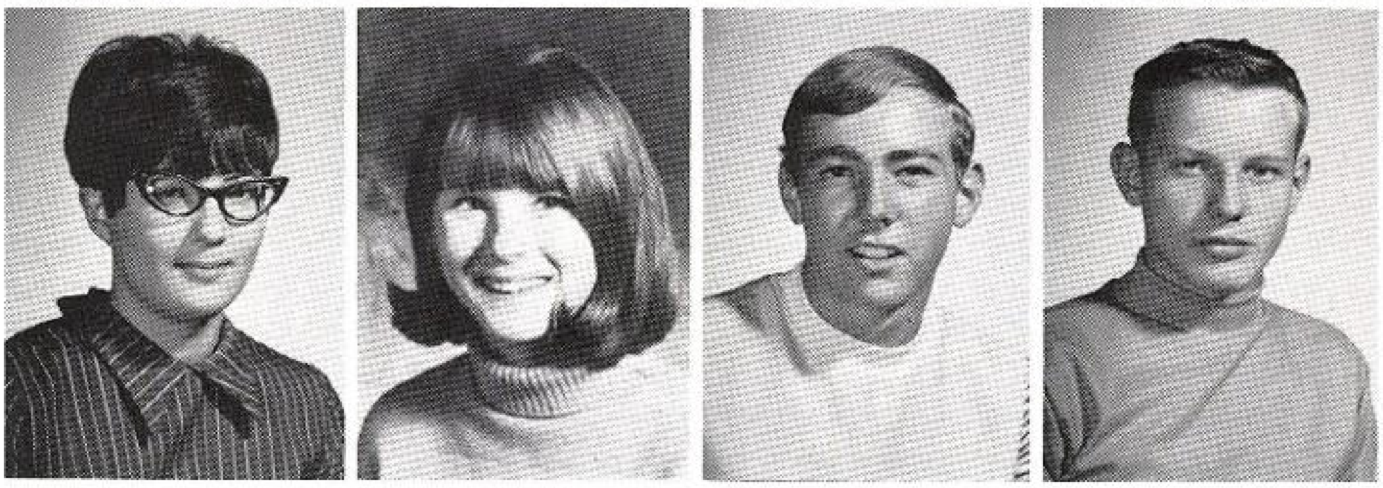

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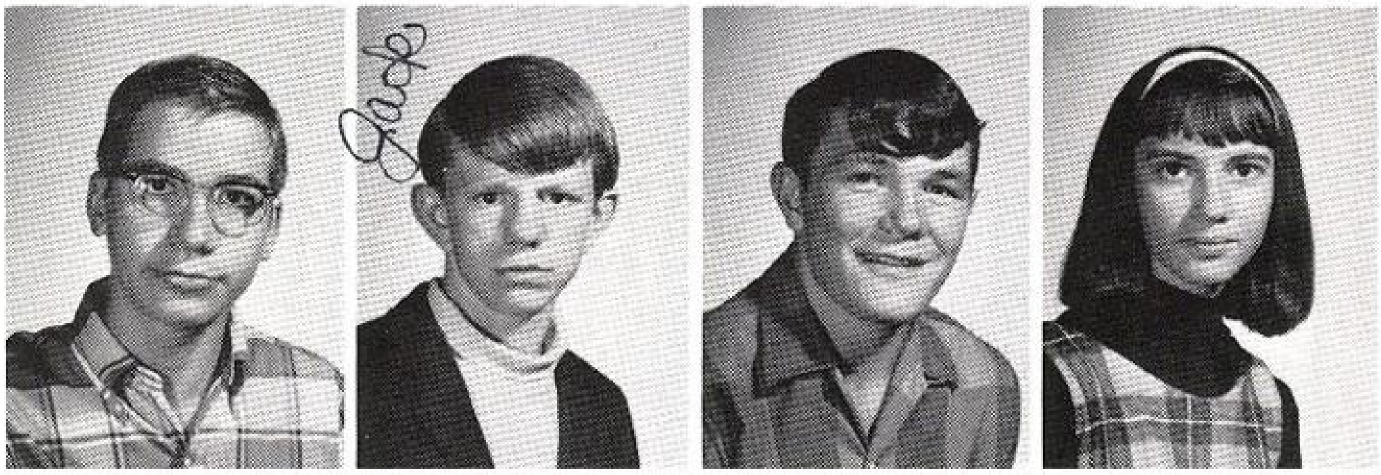

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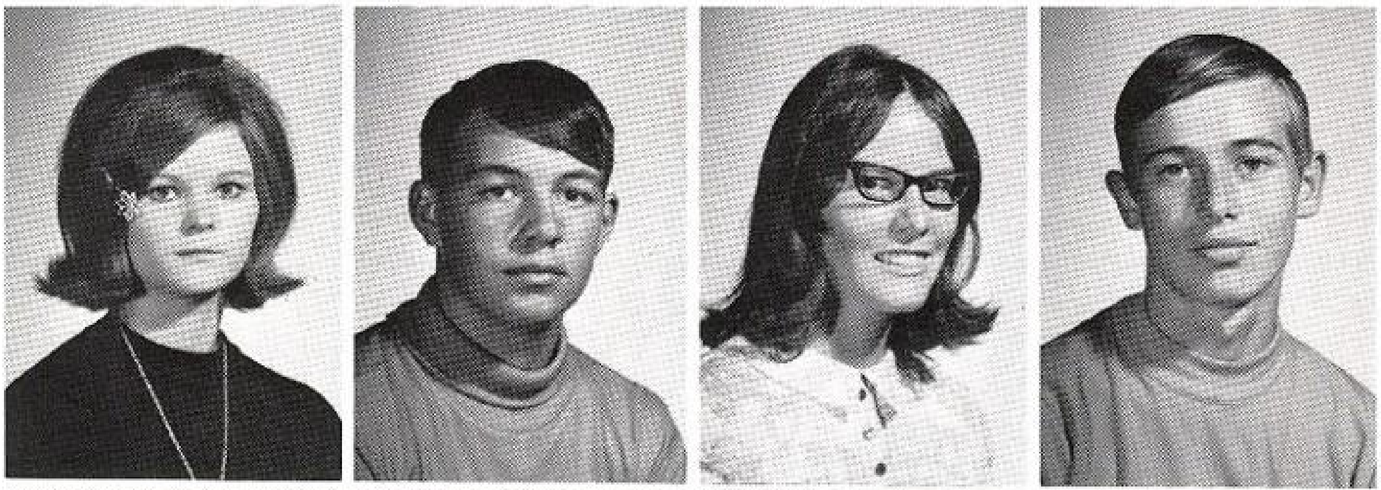

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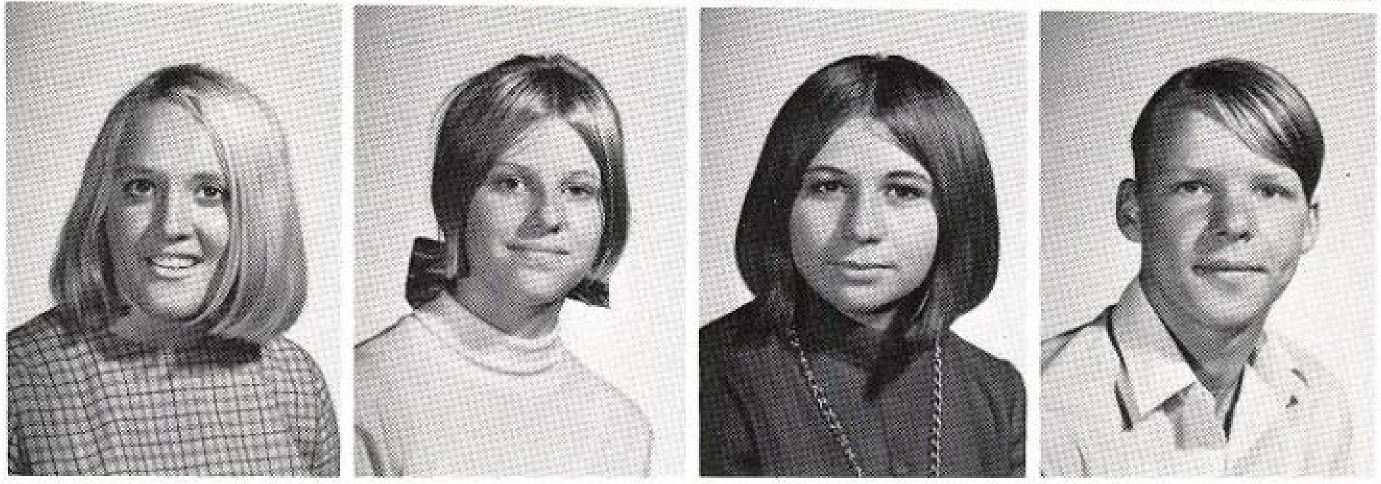


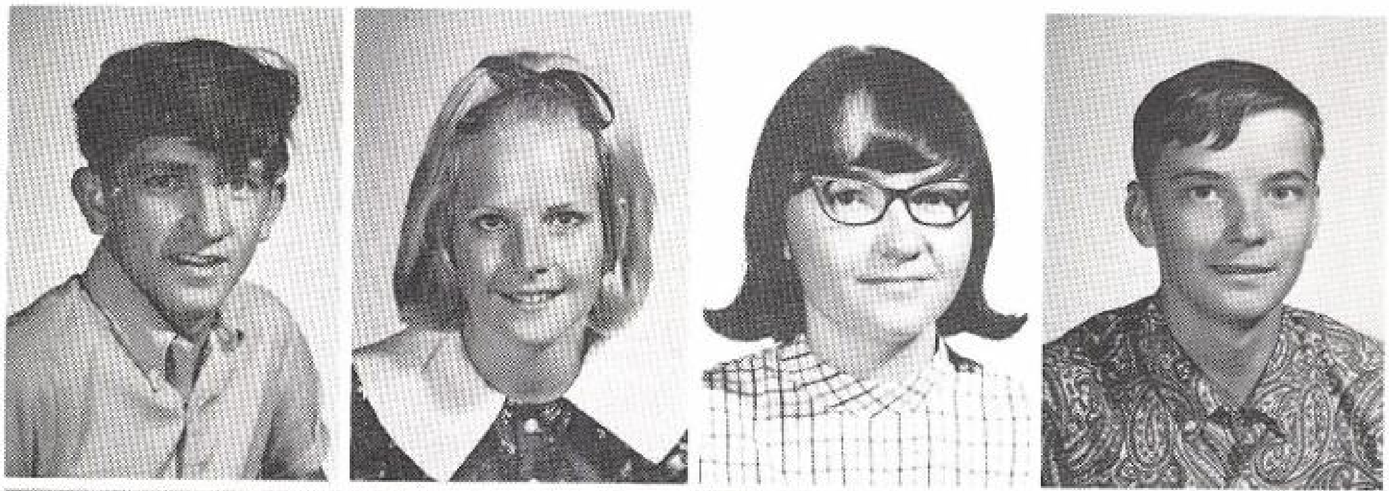
Bobbie Collins
Gail Cox
Debbie Craig
John Crain

Wildcats at last, sophomores swarmed forward clamoring for action; they knocked at club doors, and cried, "We want to belong!" Pep Club was first to welcome the newcomers. Becky Young, with frosh Sheryl Chandler, went to work touting tickets for a stuffed cat which Marie Hartman grabbed.

All Lucky Numbers Were '71

Sophomores Heard a Carousel

Round . . . and round they sped, those first autumn days of crisp awareness. Each was a carousel, a merry-go-round of breathless activities with its own joyous life music, its blurred rainbow of swirling colors promising so much. Awed sophomores stood watching, and they heard the music, and they wanted to ride. Glossy, proud steeds pranced by; elephants and lions, too. Pep Club was a blue swan, "For Girls Only." It seemed important to ride the pink horse and blue swan, to turn with the rest of the world, to feel the exhilarating brace of the wind, to trail laughter behind only to catch it on the next revolution. At first sophomores tried to catch the brass ring, but quickly learned there were no free rides at FHS. So they queued up to pay the price.



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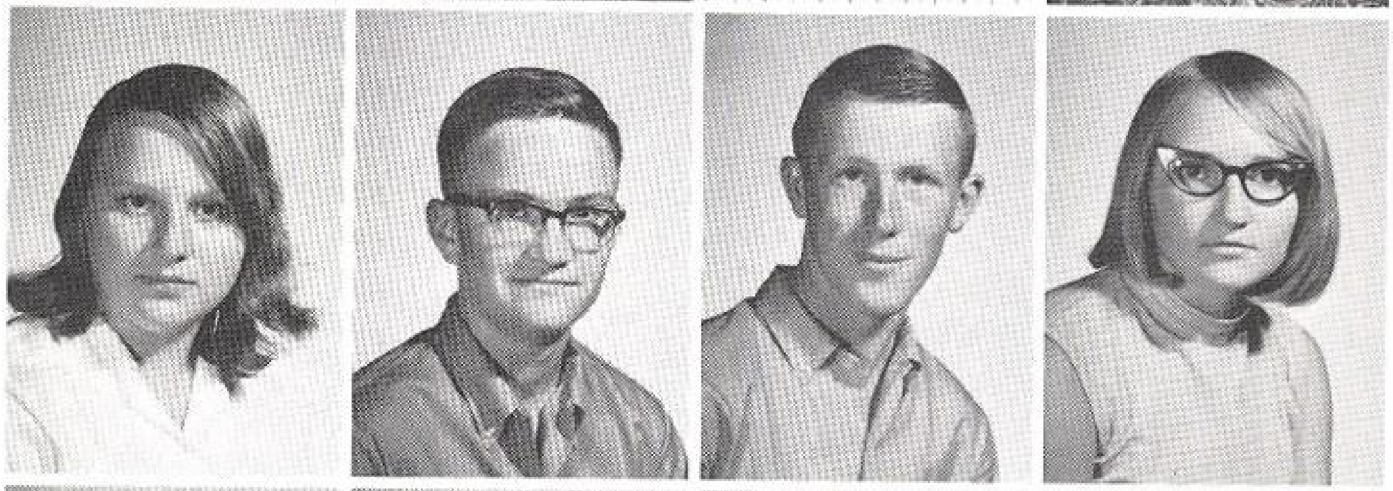

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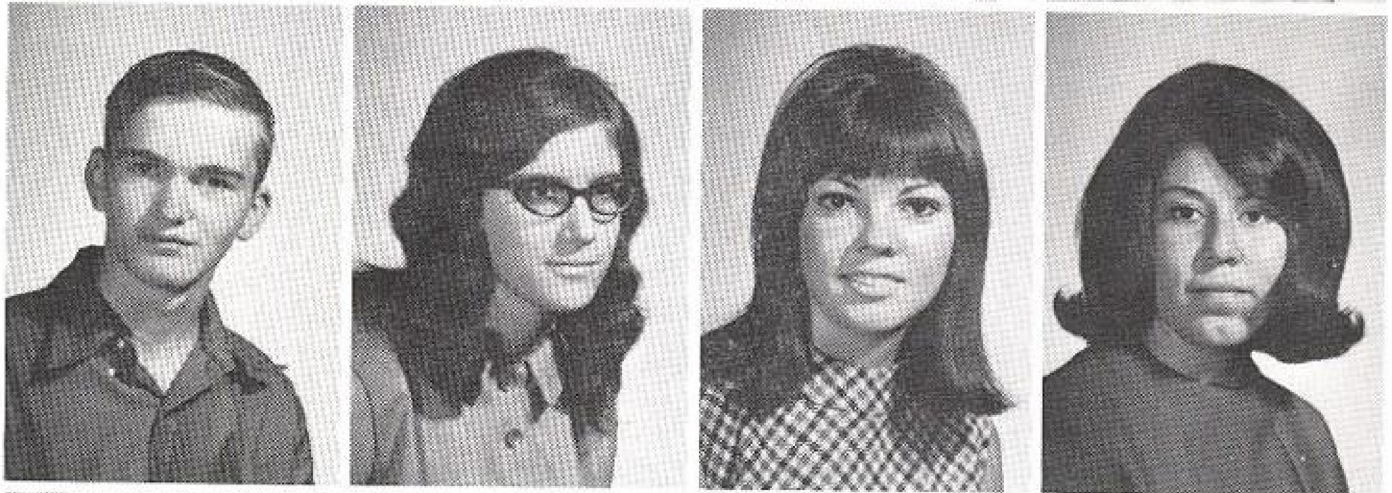

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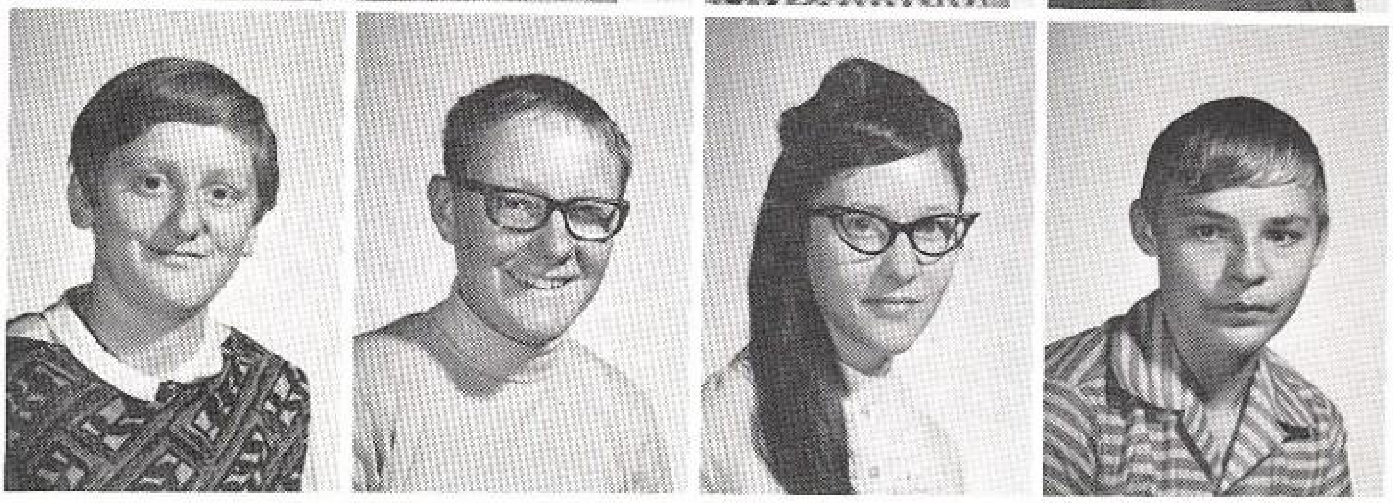
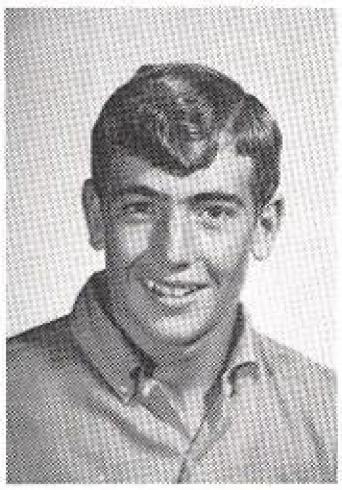
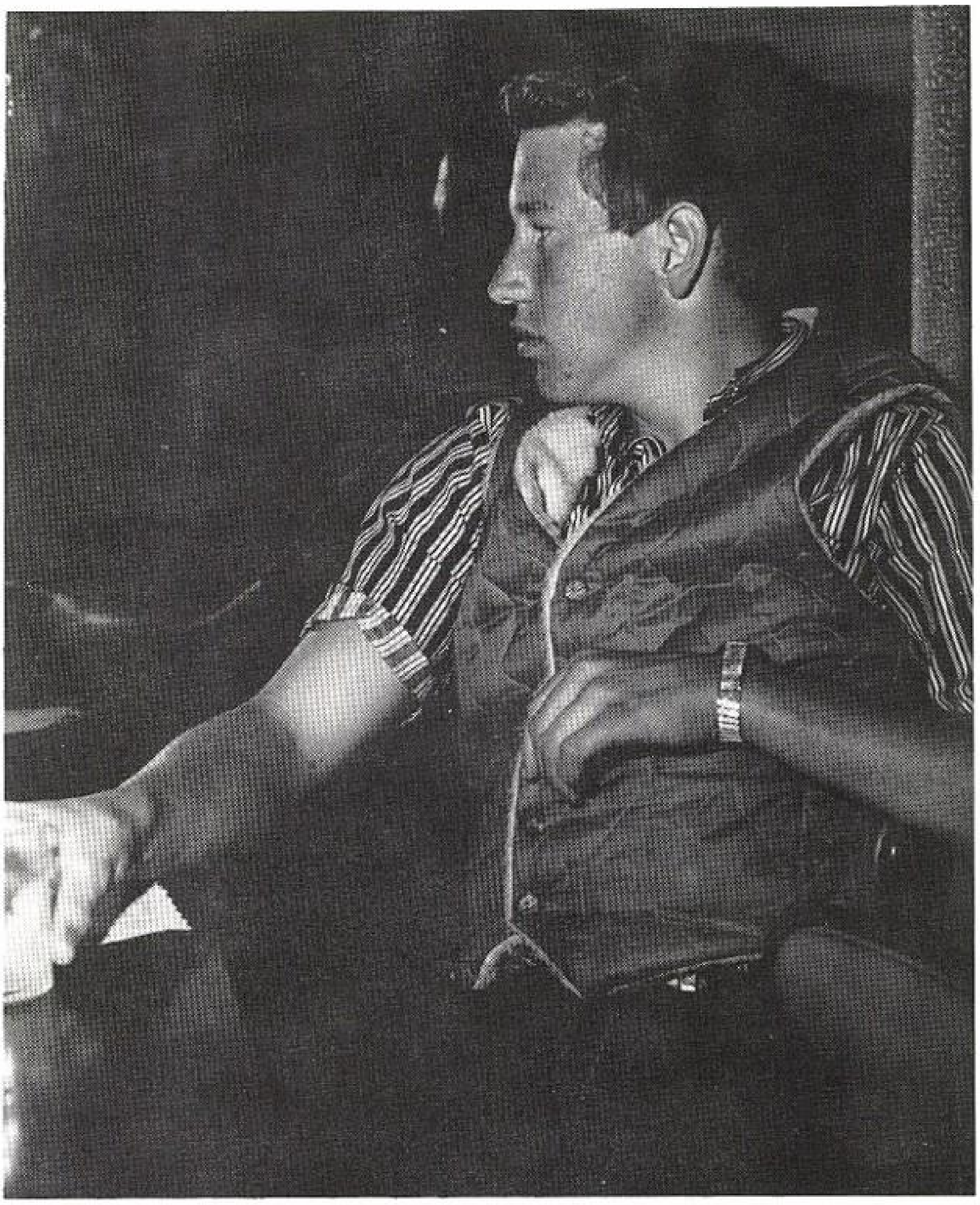


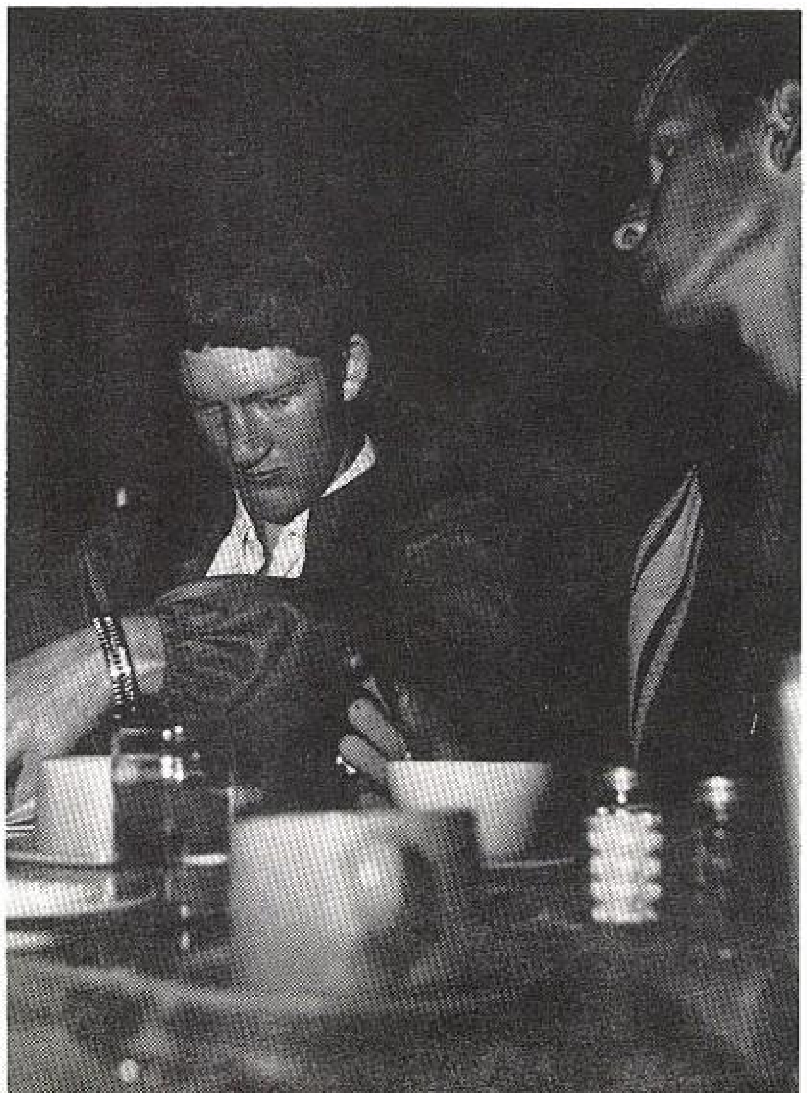
Barbara Gifford
Glenn Giles
Gail Golike
Ronald Goss
Jody Green
Gary Haller

Total involvement was the fee. Once aboard, sophomores stood at the feet of dancing mounts where they were expected to be both humble and grateful. But a passing Wildcat caught their eye, and they grabbed it by the tail; when it roared, they twisted. Turning faster and faster, the carousel raced through time dragging adamant sophomores toward homecoming where they soothed the savage beast and earned its respect. The Class of '71 had arrived; they were on the scene.

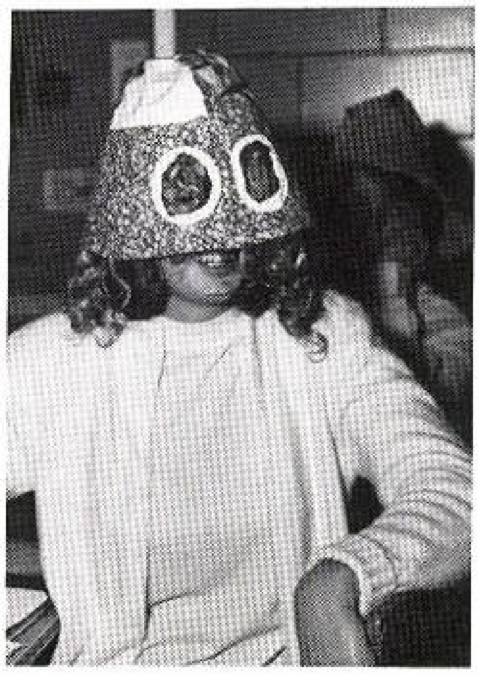




Brittle frost and icy winds accompanied Fruita marching musicians to Meeker where Wildcats made a formidable bid to cop the AA quarter final grid crown. Sophomore bandsmen Arnold Nagel (drums), above, and Danny Webb (French horn), below with Bob DeCamp (trumpet), luxuriated in the warmth of the Stagecoach Restaurant as the sun set and the night grew colder still. Steaming chocolate and piping chili thawed numbed musicians, but left them listless. Band was a sophomore forte.

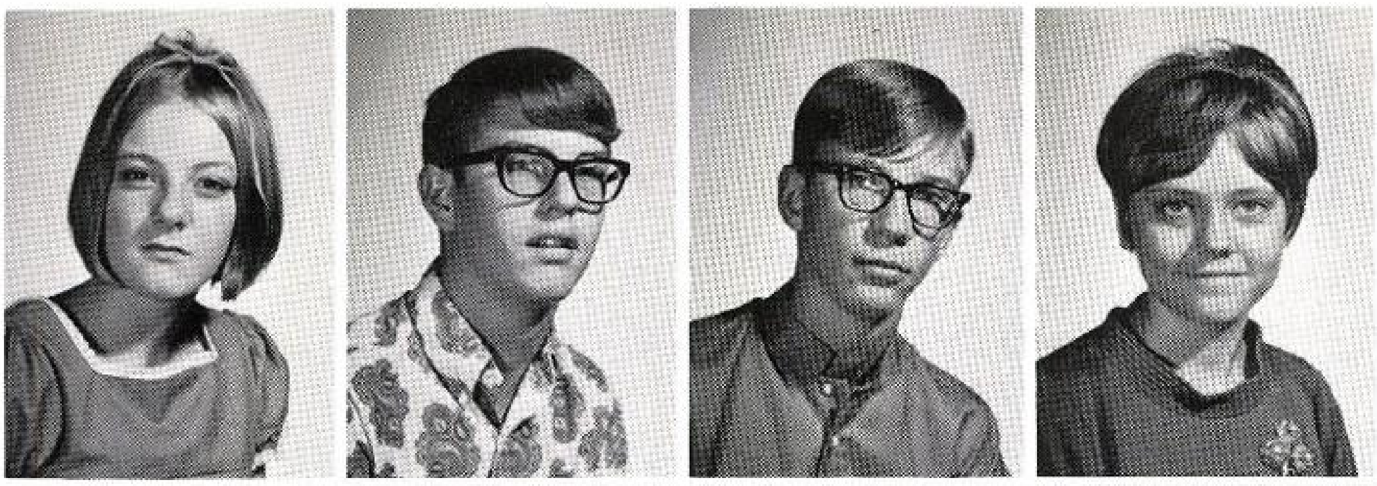


Novice 'Cats Fashioned A Festive Image in Hullabaloo



Merry-a-go-go sophomores buttered up cakes, brownies, pies, cookies, popcorn balls and customers to bolster their coffers. Class of '71 members sold concessions twice, then topped off early profits with $21 from a bake sale and more loot from wraping Christmas presents at Gambles to spring for the Sweethearts' Ball. Members got a large charge from collecting small fees. Their semi-formal ball was a huge success; Vera Post and Jack Blanchard were attendants. The Candlewood played; decorations were lively, but sophomores forgot to make crowns for the evening's royal pair. Refreshments disappeared quickly, too.

Chapeaux, slapstick and sophomores added zest to Miss Barbara Meeker's French II dialogue sessions. Top row mannequins are Joyce Otero, Becky Young, Eva Quest and Nancy Maluy. Other millinery models are Linda Downey, Joyce, Lyn Cronk and Marty Wells.



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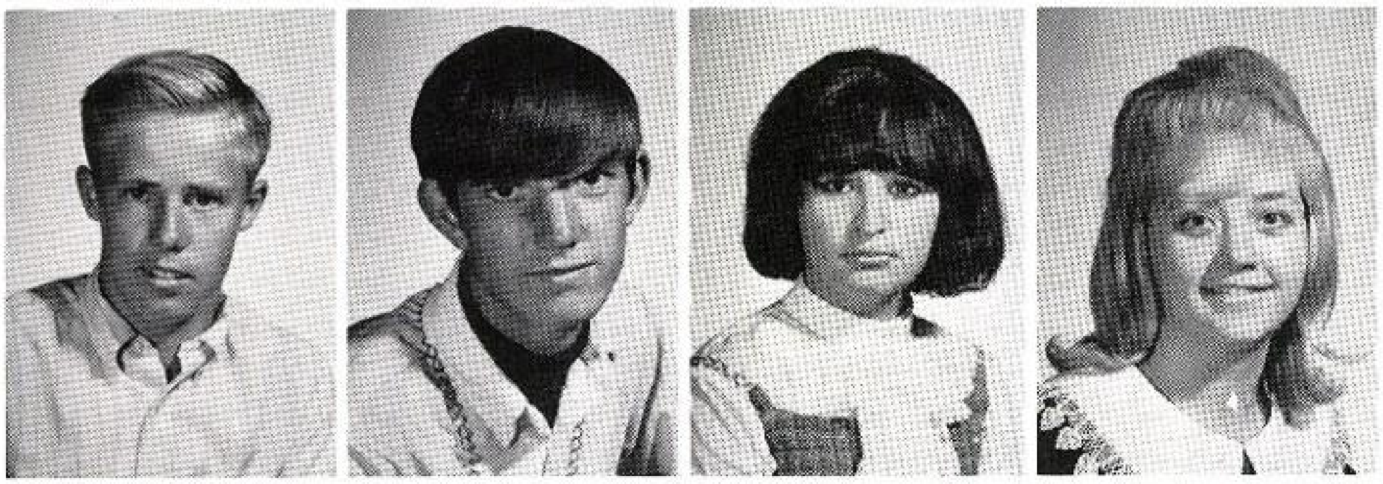

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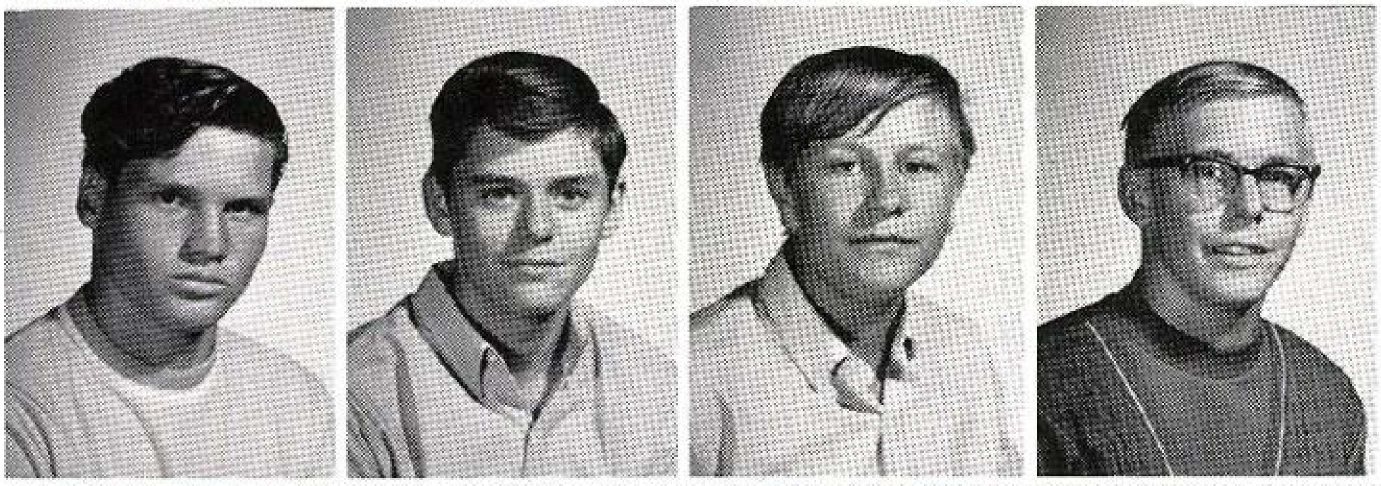

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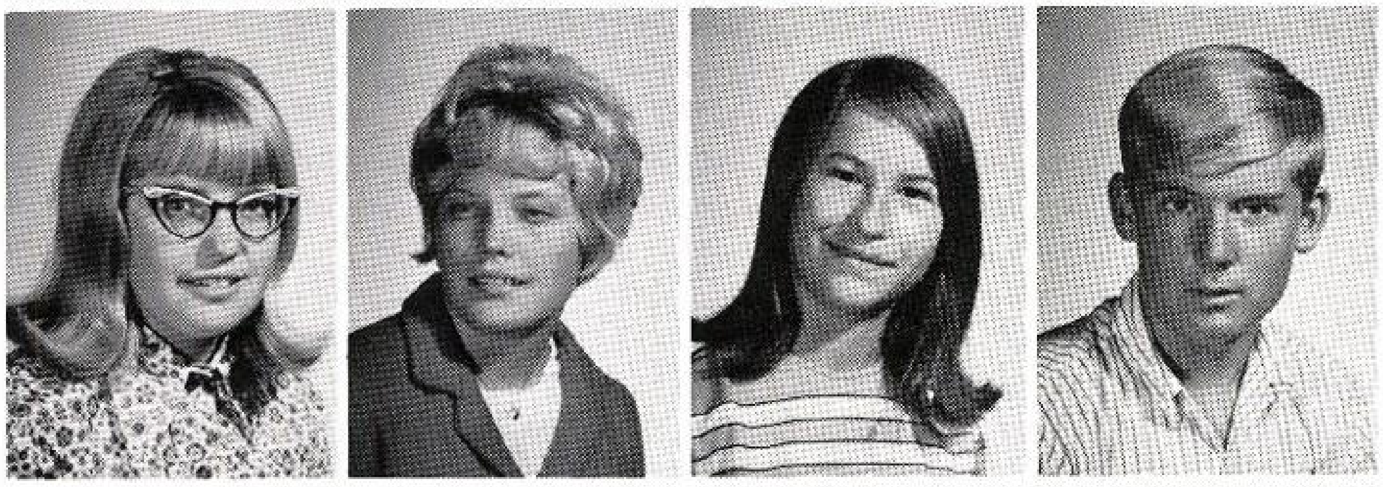

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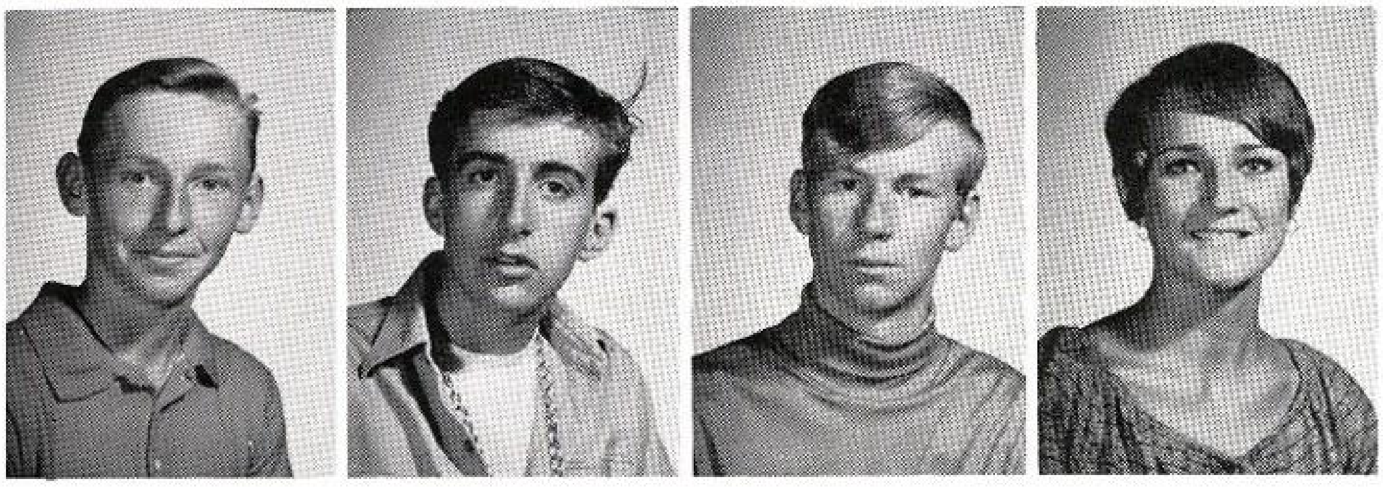

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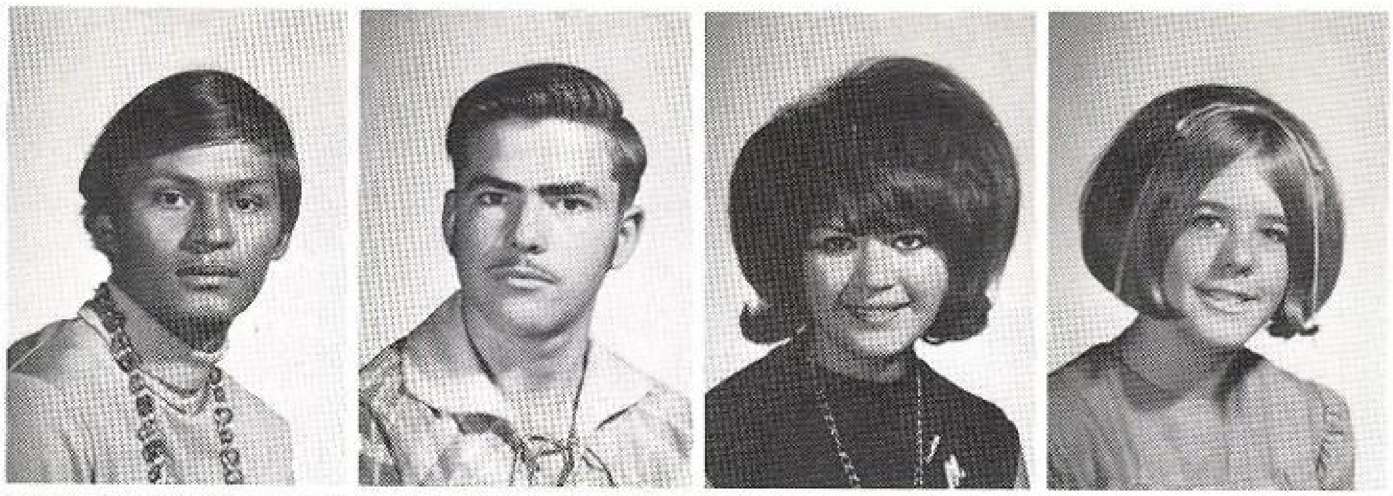

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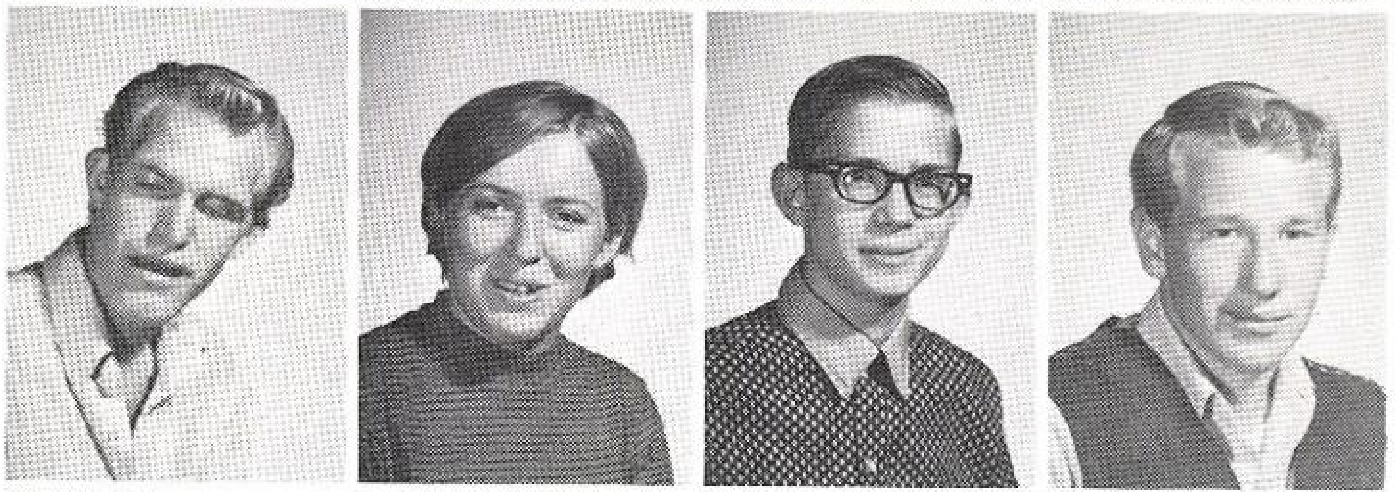

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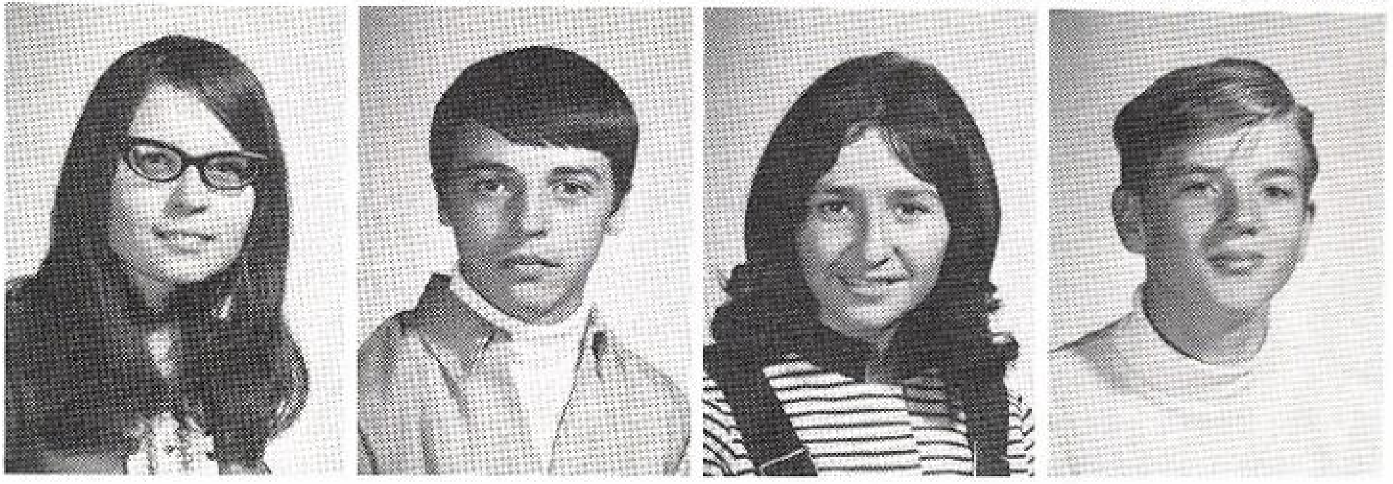
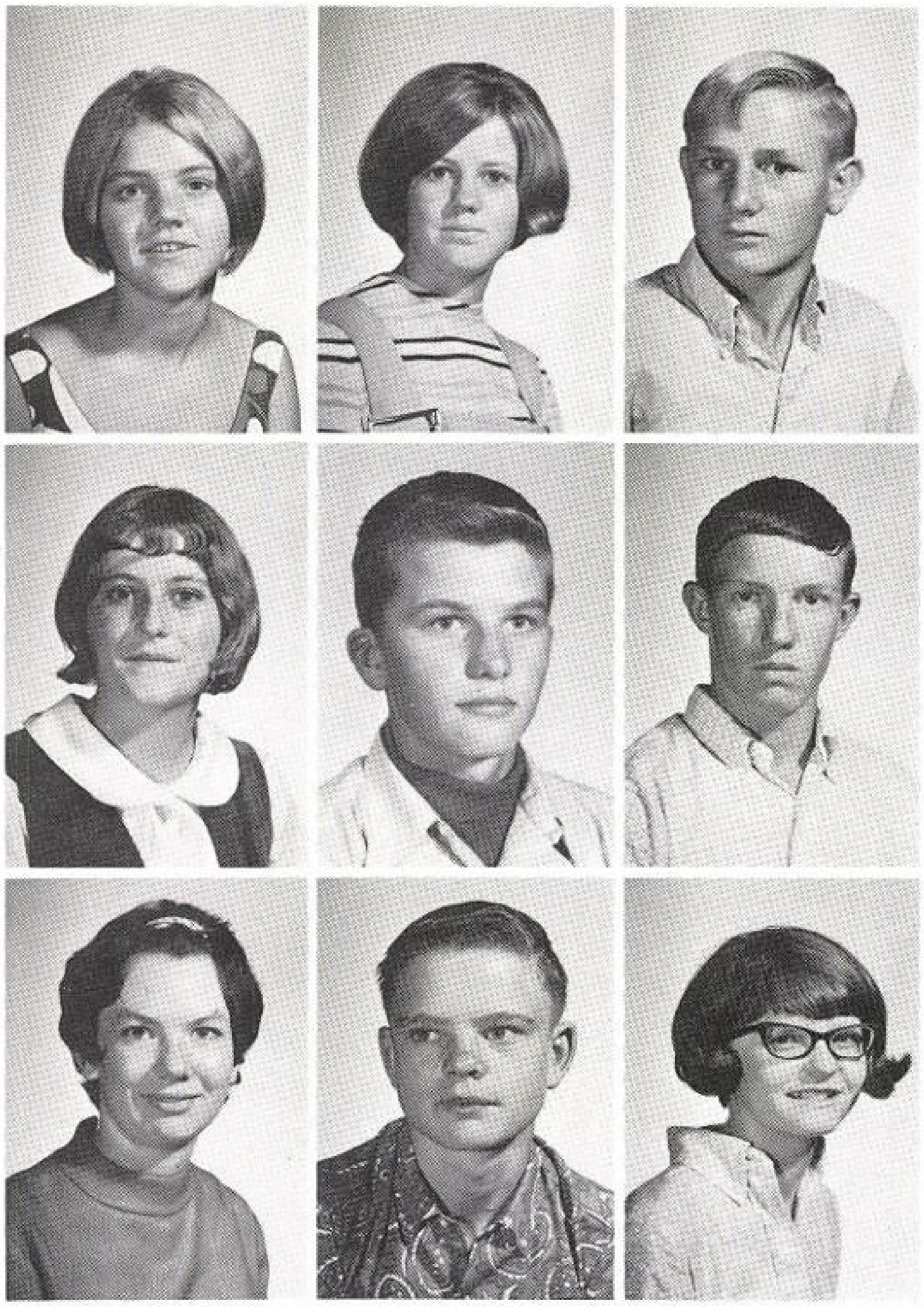
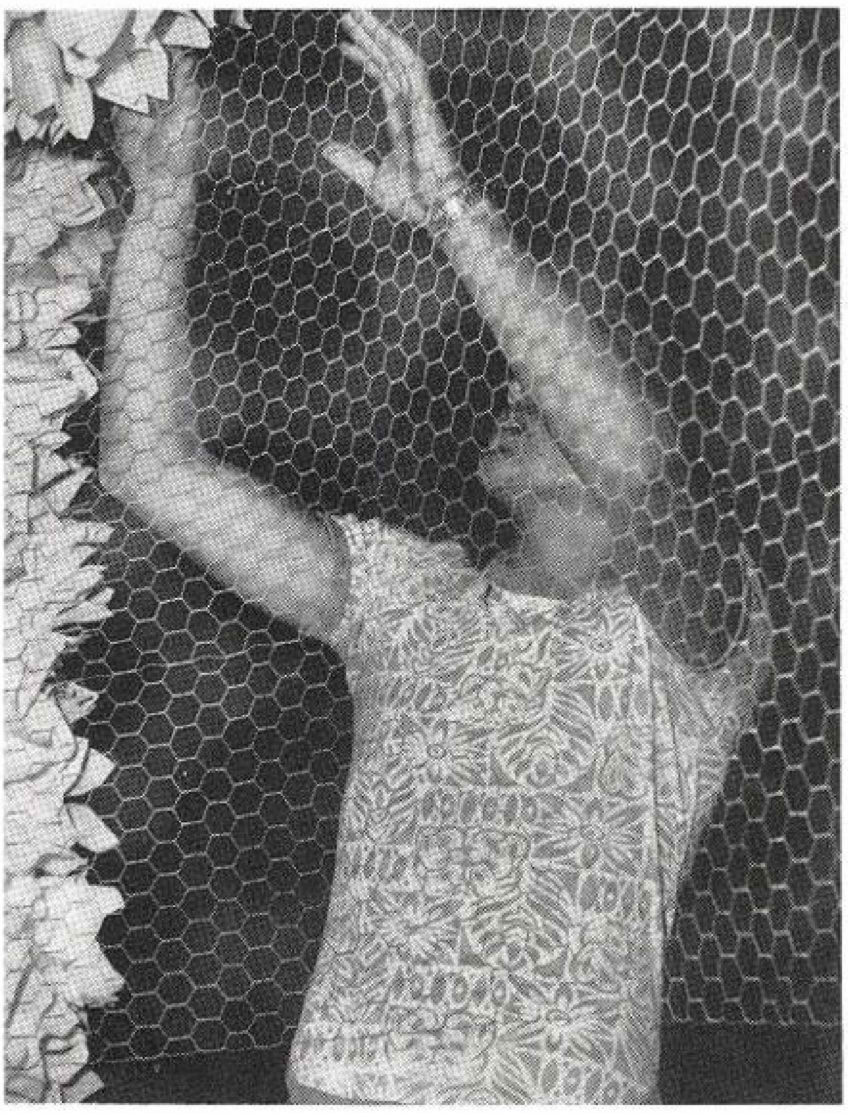


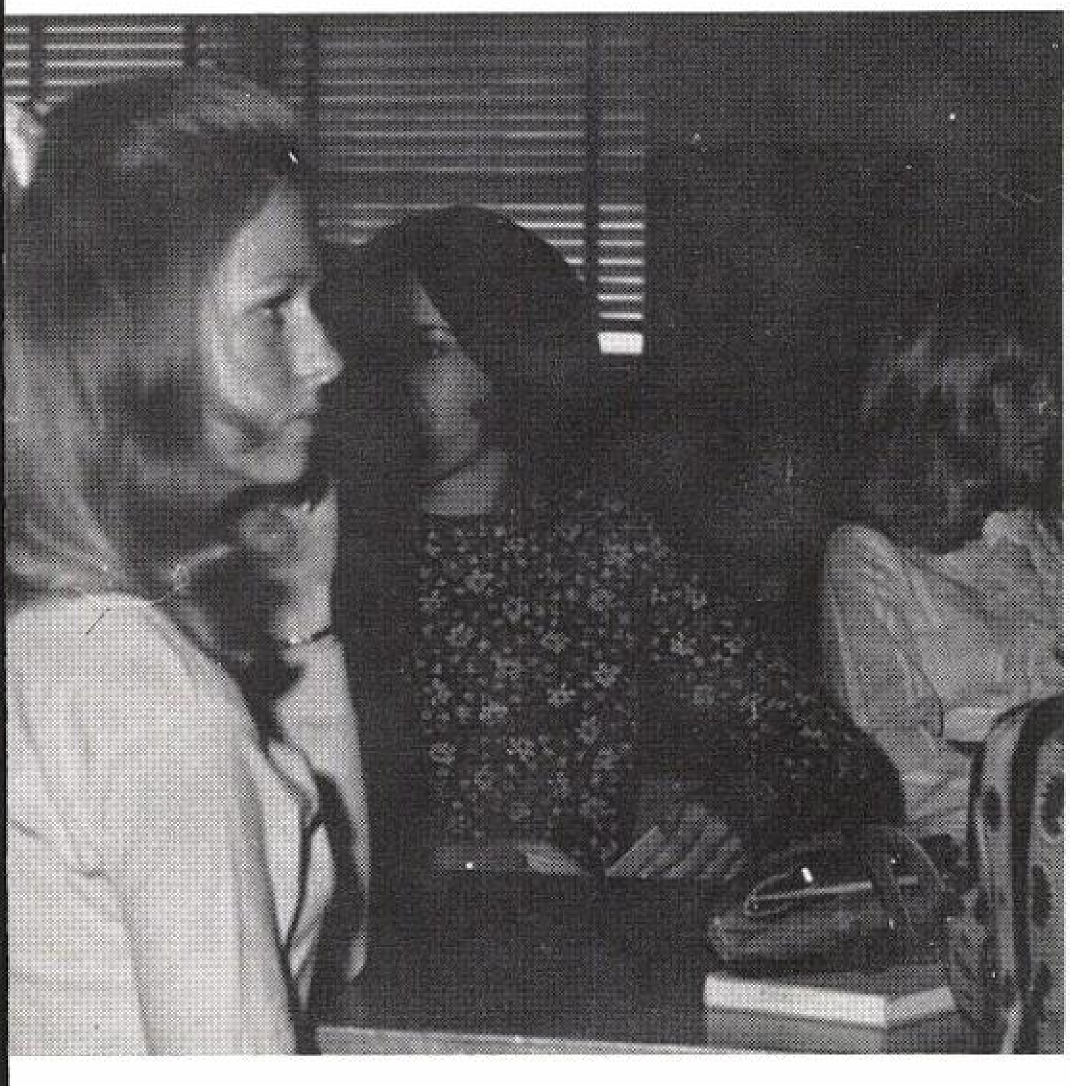
Zealous Newcomers Shouted Up a Storm, Then Paraded in the Rain

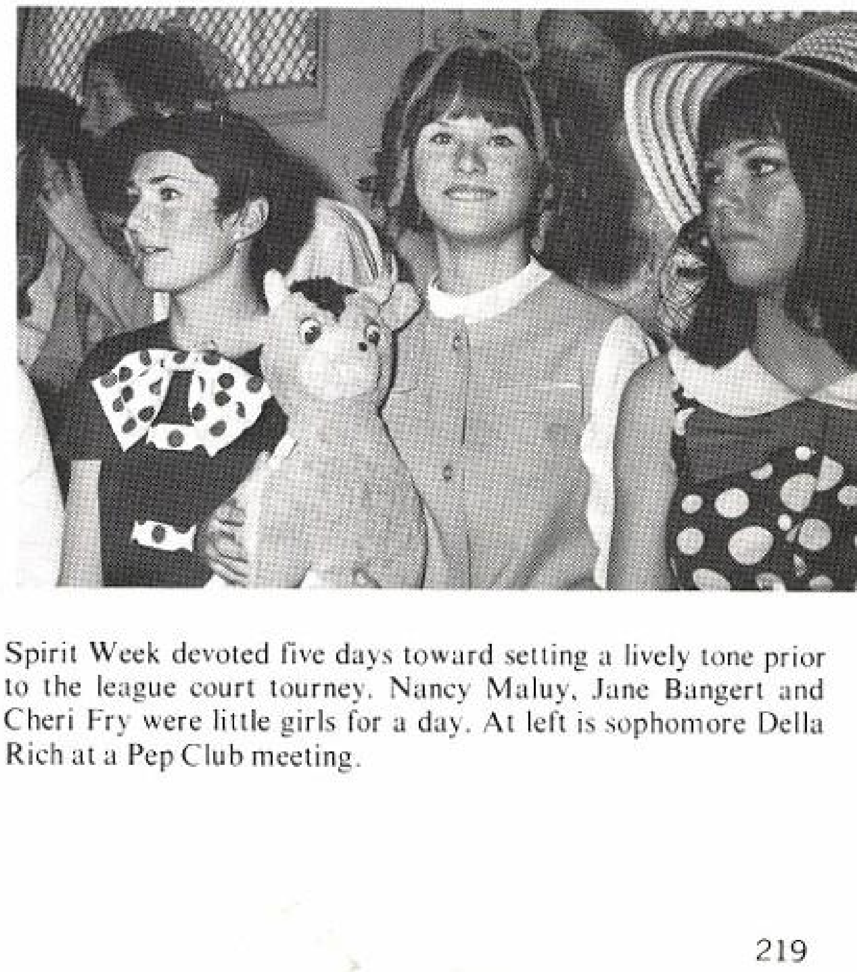
Mild September tip-toed by making room for chilly days, and rain caromed off windows to fall dizzy in Wildcat land. Sophomore officers — Eddie Botkin, president; Gary Haller, vice-president; Cheri Fry, secretary, and Jack Blanchard, treasurer — clustered with the Class of '71 to hatch homecoming float plans. A slow parade-day drizzle did not dampen sophomore enthusiasm. With a float titled, "Victory Through the Years," they won a soggy second (and $10). Newcomer Lyn Cronk graced the royal caravan as attendant to the queen. Elated with a second place float award, sophomores overlooked the gloomy weather and prepared for a victory on the gridiron. Later, tattered float napkins danced across Phillip Griebel Field; a heady smell of paint still lingered in corners of Reed's Dairy where sophomores had built their float in fun, but the Class of '71 was anxious for something new, untried. They flocked to where the action was. Band could boast that almost half its musicians were new Wildcats; at pep assemblies, sophomores were the best represented and noisiest of all the classes. And cheerleaders gave them a pumpkin in deep appreciation.



Midnight oil, teamwork and a touch of magic changed a pile of boards and chicken wire into a glorious work of art. Bob Shaw, below, exerted his pull with the napkin brigade. After homecoming, the magic disappeared; sophomores never again worked so well together. Boistrous class meetings were not well attended. An executive committee, established to conduct class busines, functioned effectively, but failed to consult with others. The gap widened.







Spirit Week devoted five days toward setting a lively tone prior to the league court tourney. Nancy Maluy, Jane Bangert and Cheri Fry were little girls for a day. At left is sophomore Della Rich at a Pep Club meeting.

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Eva Quest
Gloria Radebaugh
Donna Ray
Della Rich
Dianne Rivera
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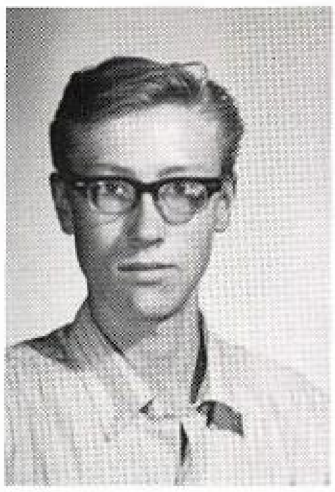

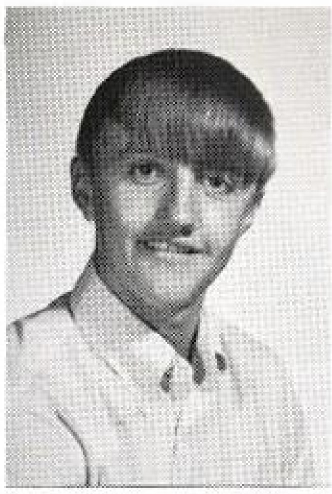

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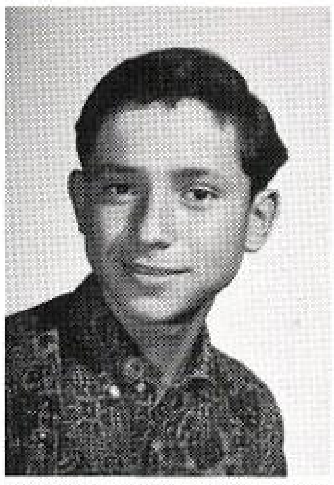
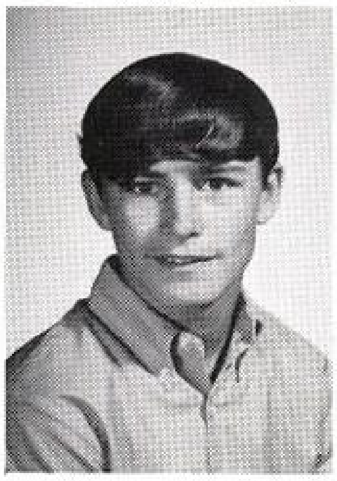
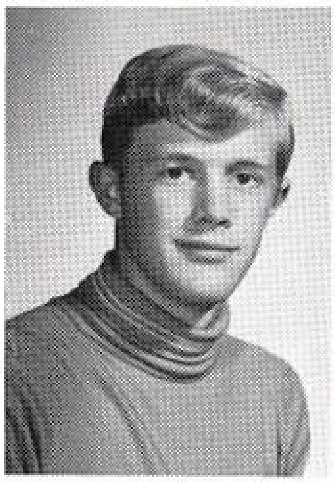
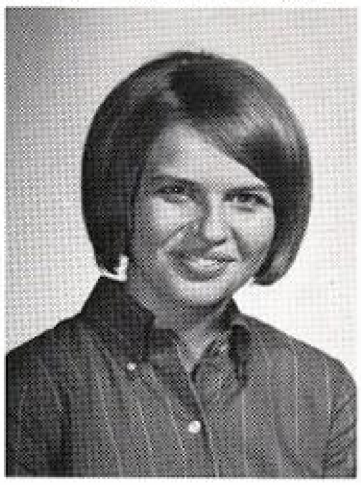

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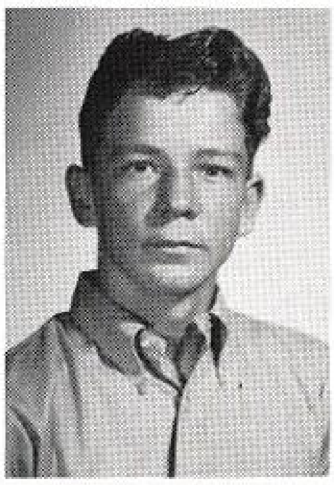

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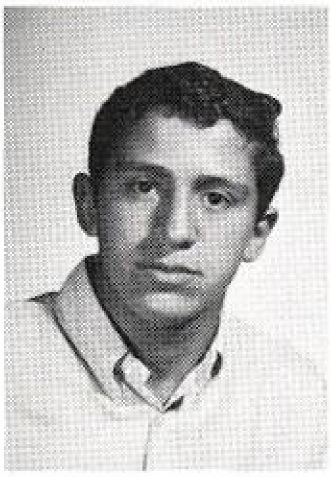
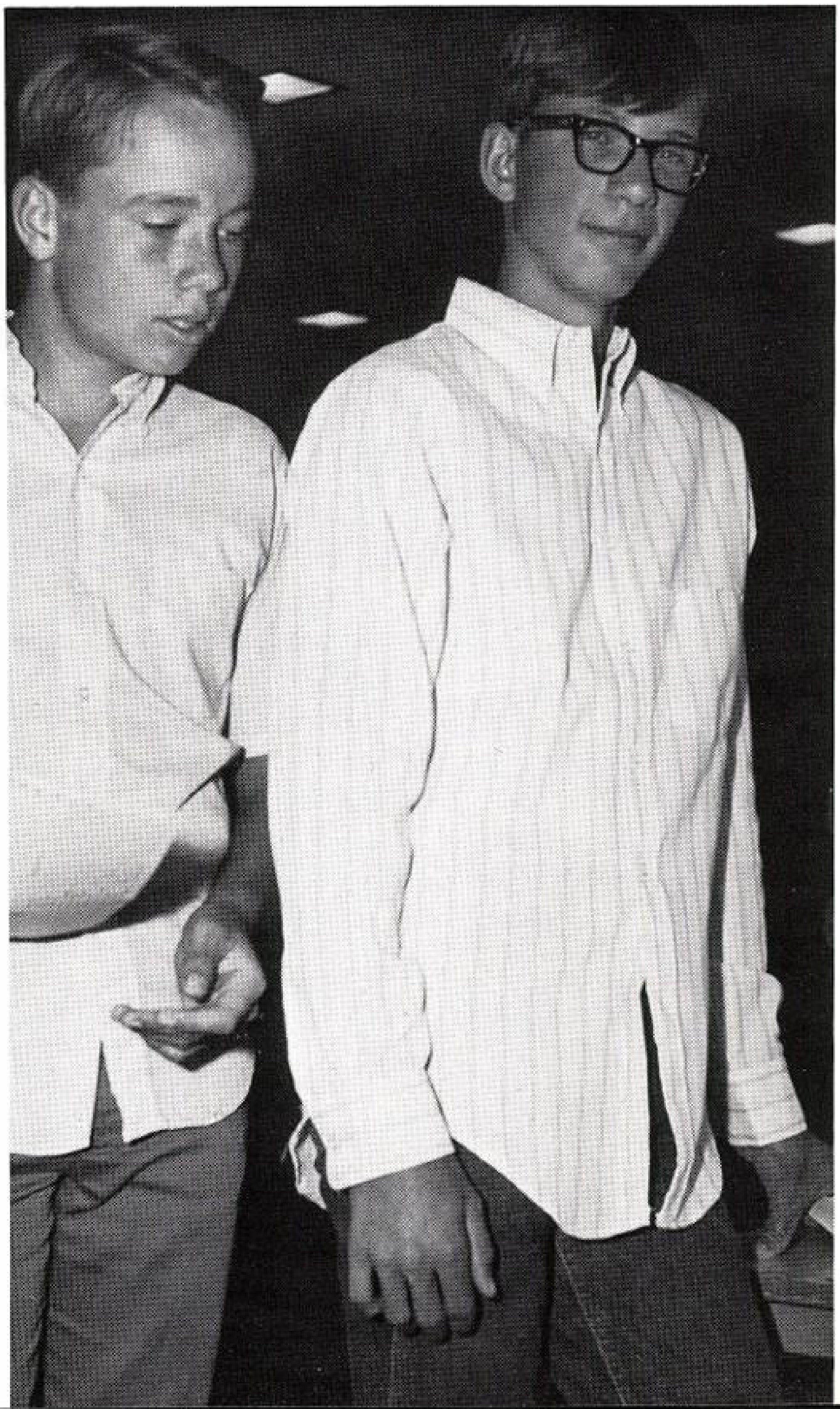
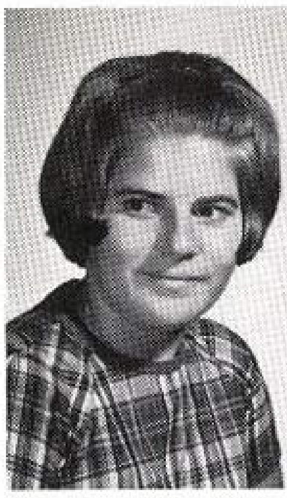
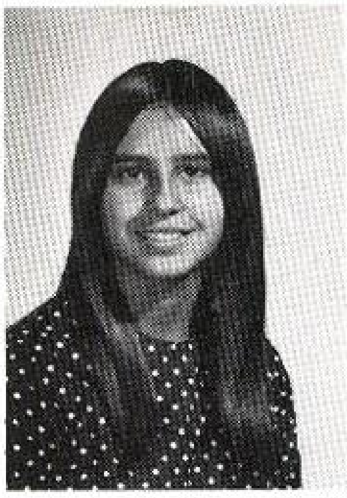
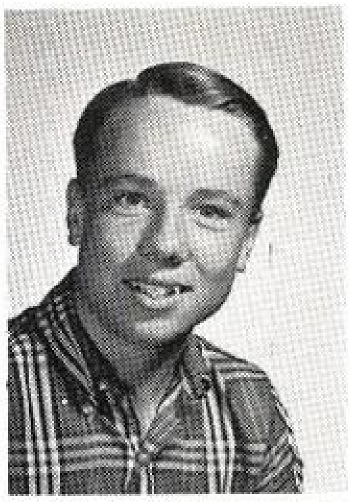
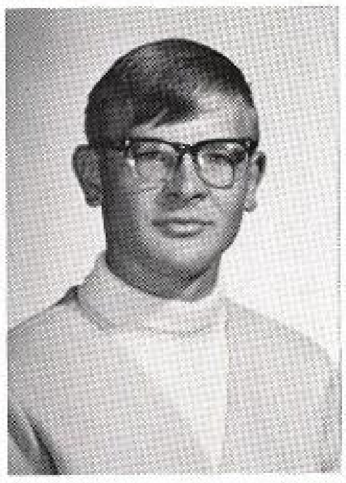
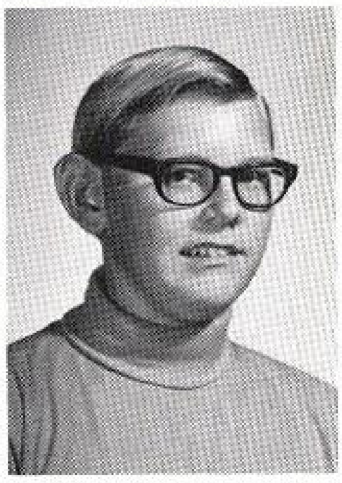
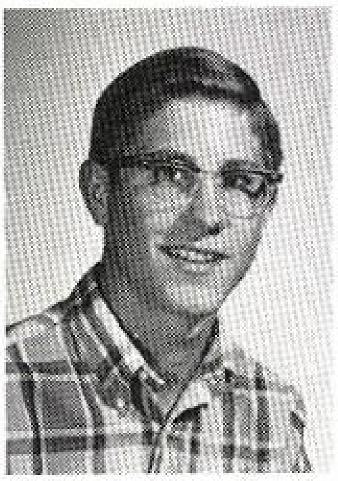
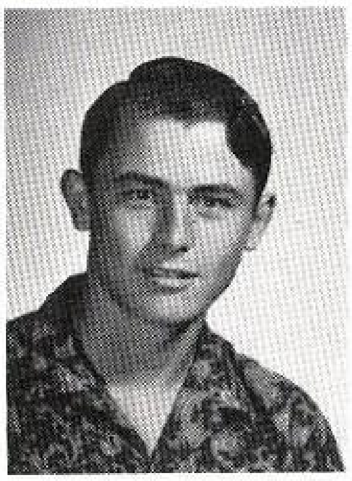
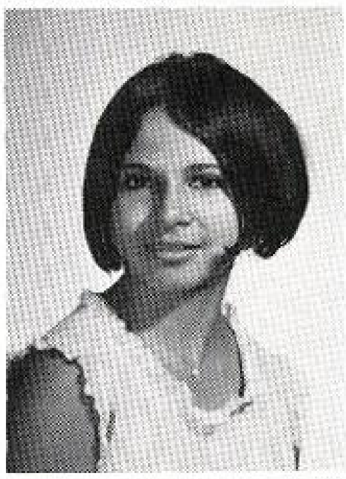
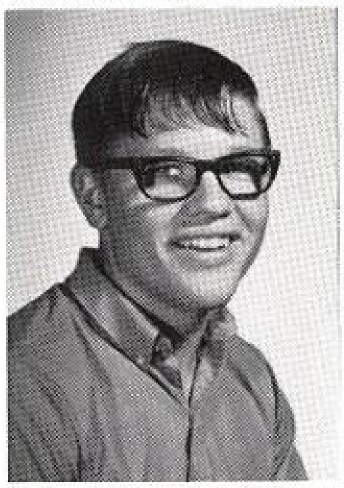
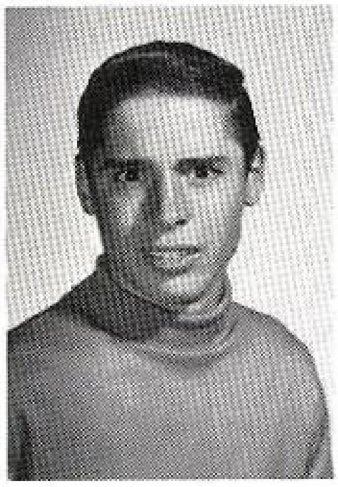
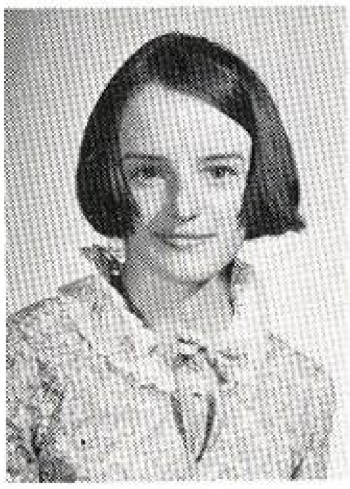
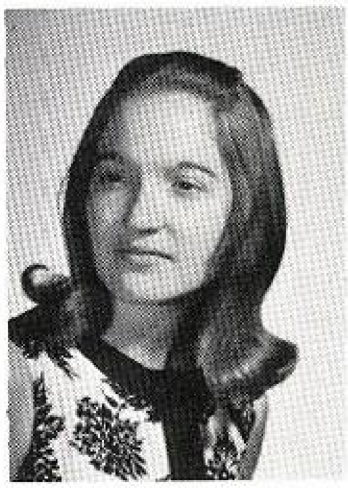


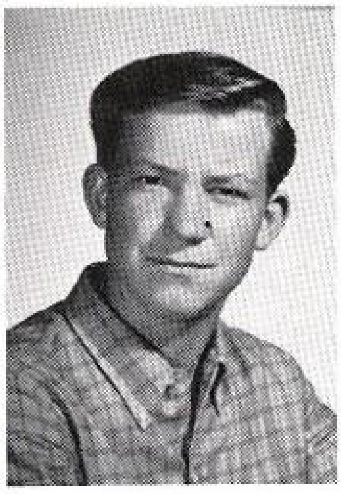


Getting a driver's license was paramount with avid sophomores who placed this topic at the apex of each hall gab-fest after school and at lunch time. Academics were important, too, and the Class of '71 chalked up an enviable record, although, after three quarters, no newcomer had scored with straight A's. In sports, sophomores proved tough, indeed. Harold Davis and Eddie Botkin landed varsity football berths; Robbie Rooks fared equally well in mat competition. Kent Roper, Jim Bennetts and Eddie were hardcourt standouts. Gary Haller, along with Eddie and Jim, earned slots with the diamond nine.

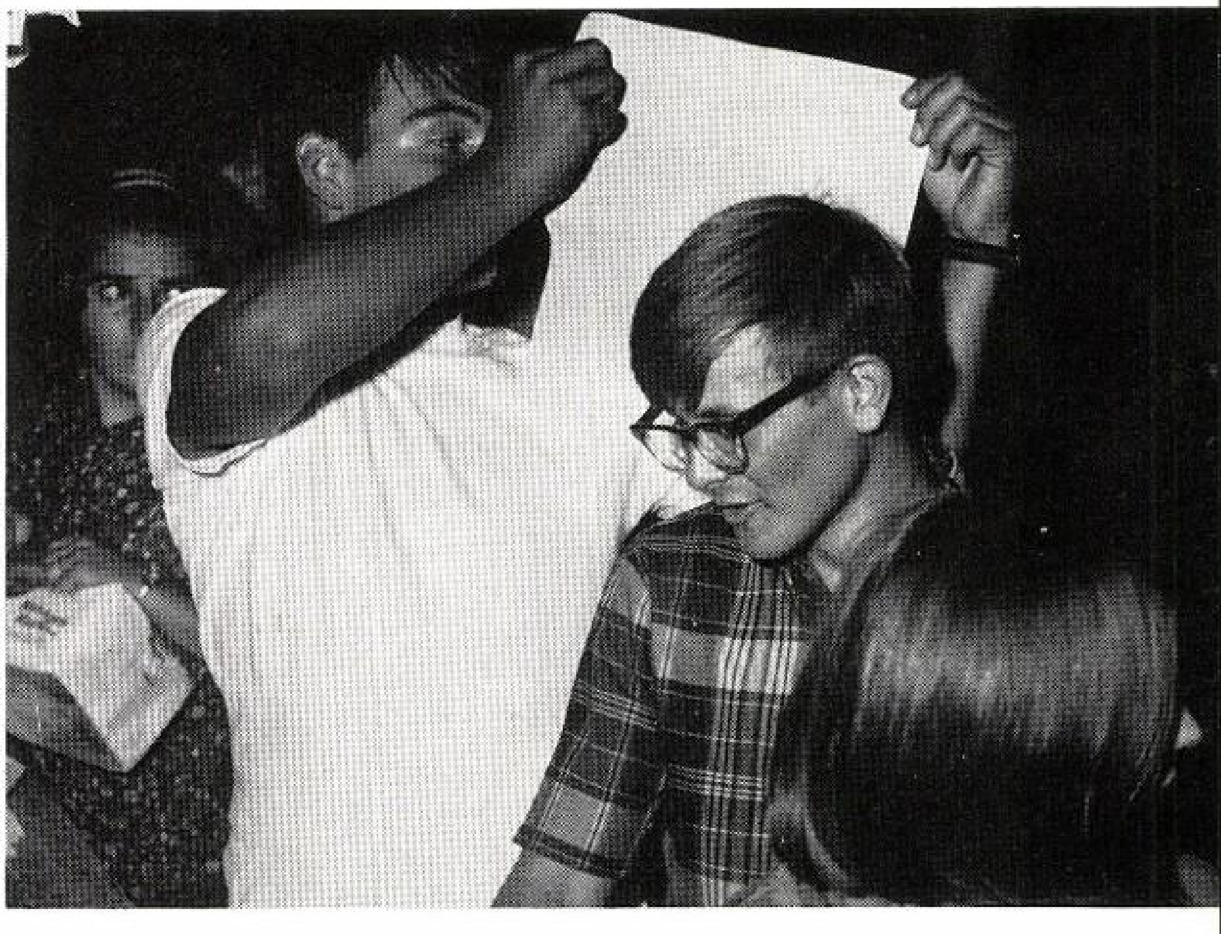


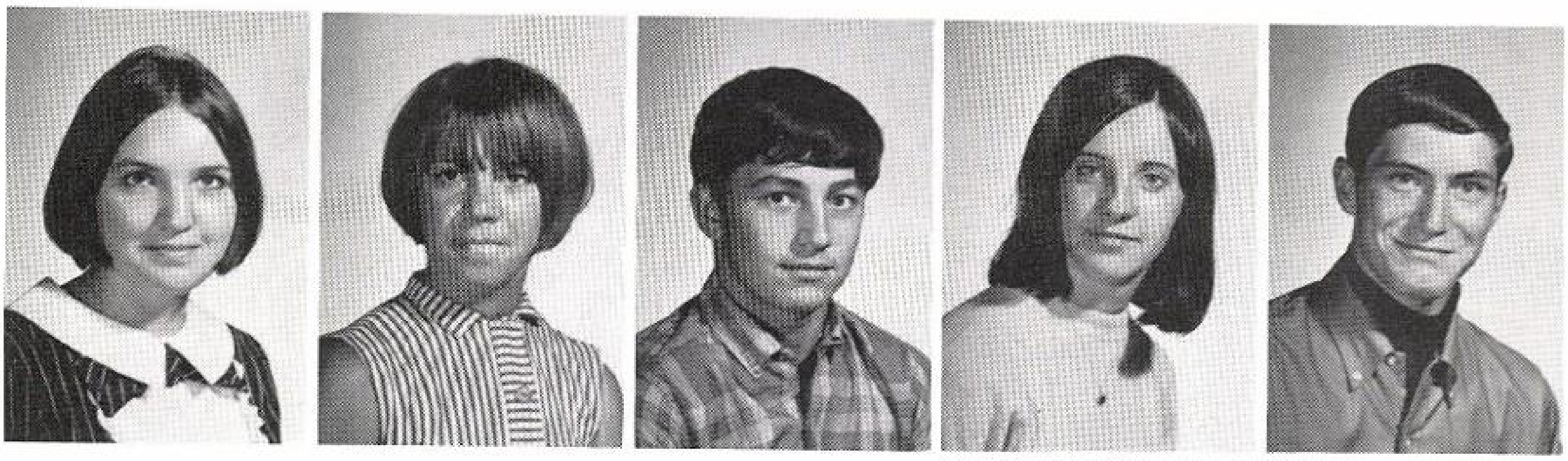









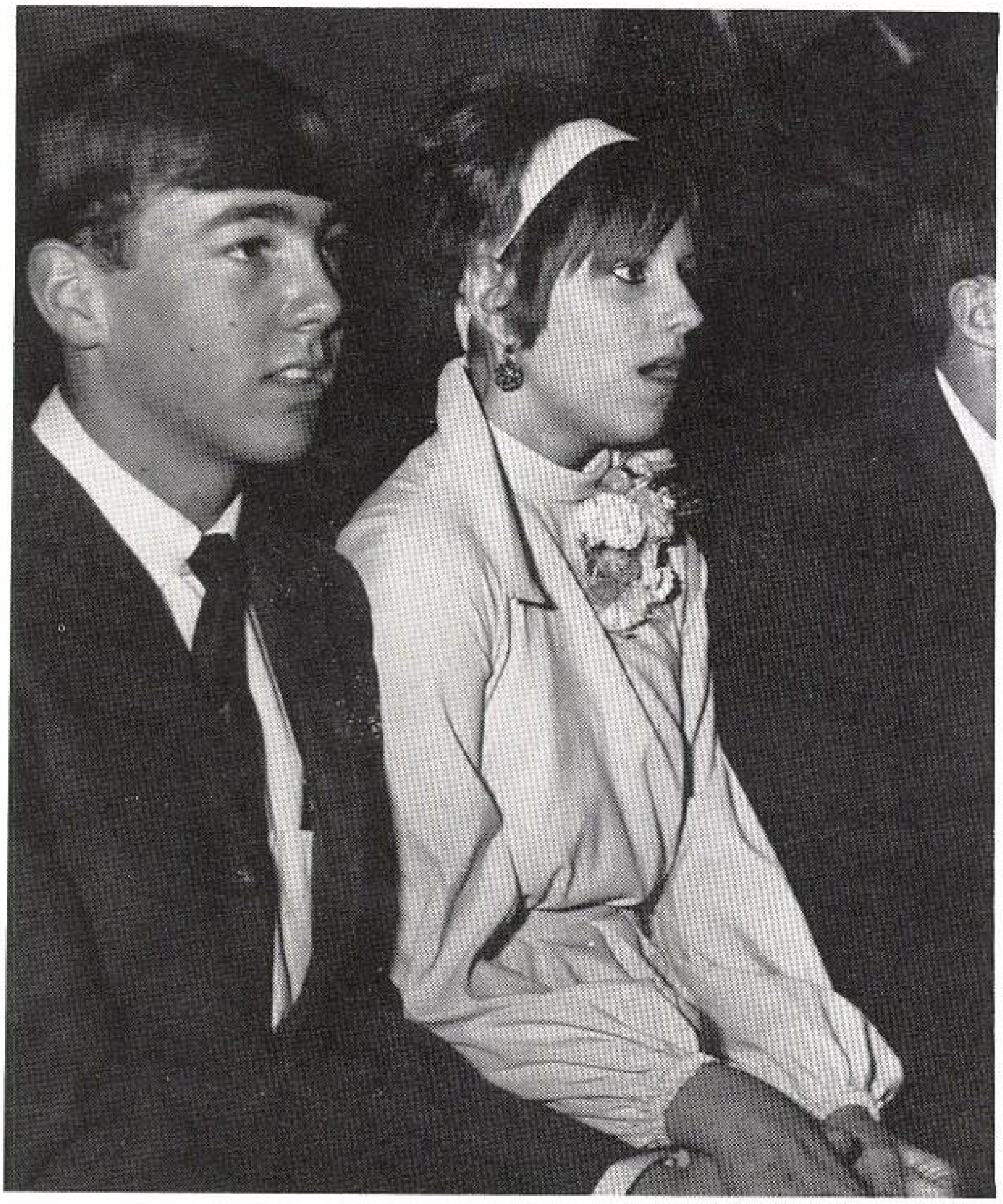




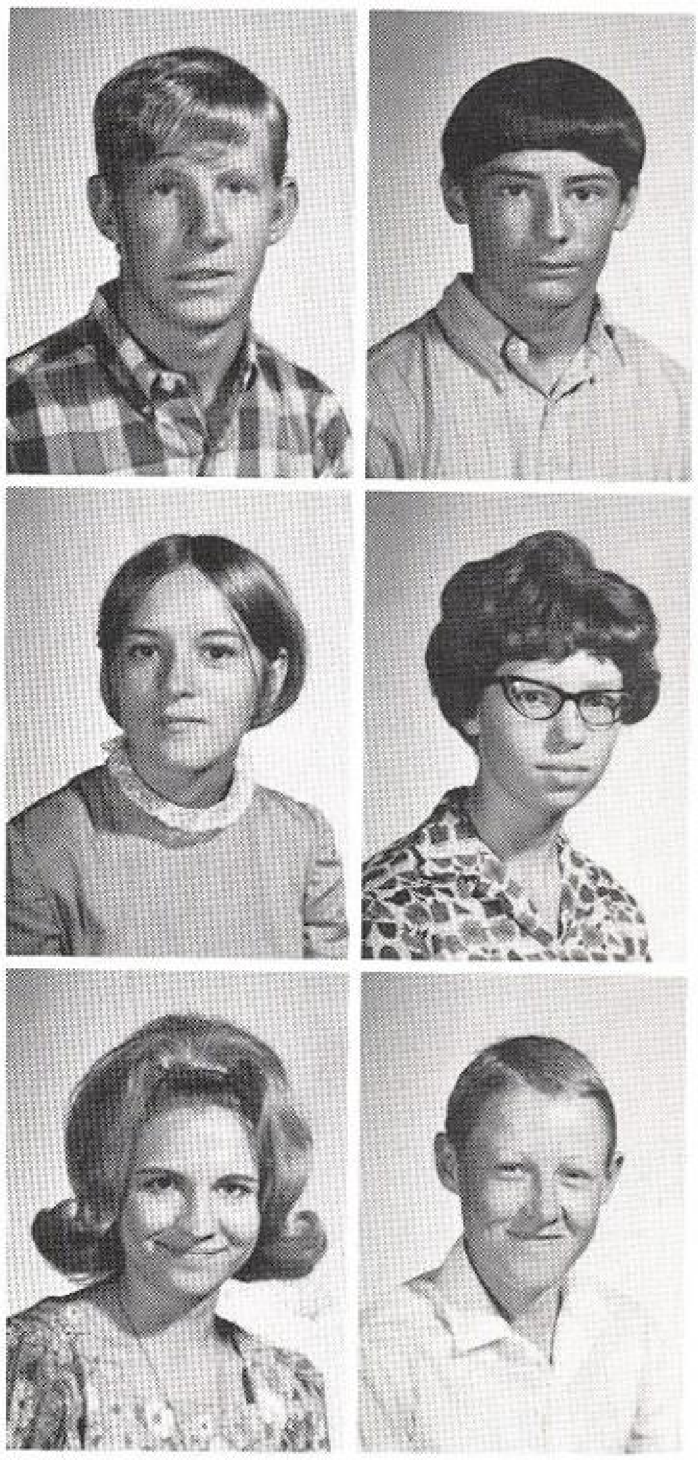


Even registration was a ball for Steve Roberts and Mark Harris, left. Less demanding than standing in line was float building, right. Donna Ray, Larry Burton, Gary Rowe and Debbie Craig volunteered their efforts for the sophomore cause. Class sponsors in *The Year of The Pumpkin* were veteran Mr. Darrell Warren, Mr. George Shank and Mr. James DeVries, both newcomers.









A fractious week of hectic preparation climaxed in an epochal event for Wildcats — the Sweethearts' Ball. Host officers experienced difficulty getting work completed, but the Class of '71 conjured up one of the season's most lavishly rewarding affairs. Ross Beede and Gail Cox, above, mirrored the evening's tense enchantment. Sophomores, in fact, were exceptional party-givers, but they complained that upperclassmen often crashed uninvited.

Prize Pumpkin in Hand, Charmed 'Cats

Debbie Walls
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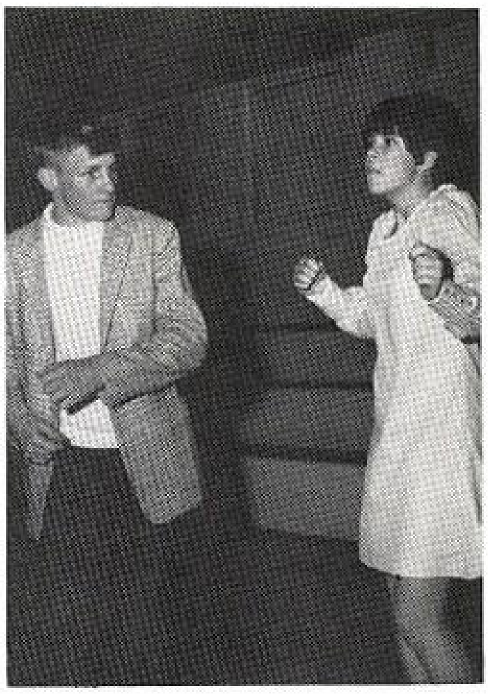
Nathan Warner
Melisa Wassam
Tom Waters

Don Kelly and Vera Post



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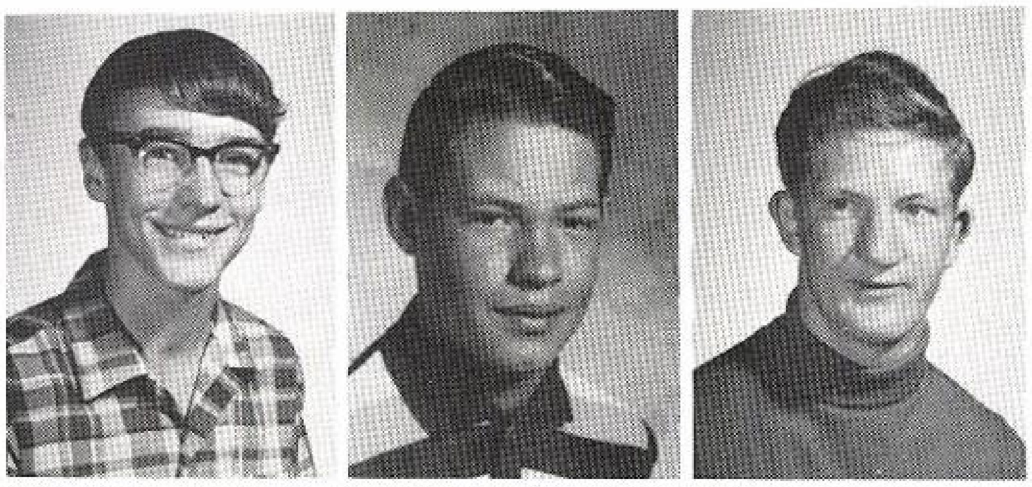

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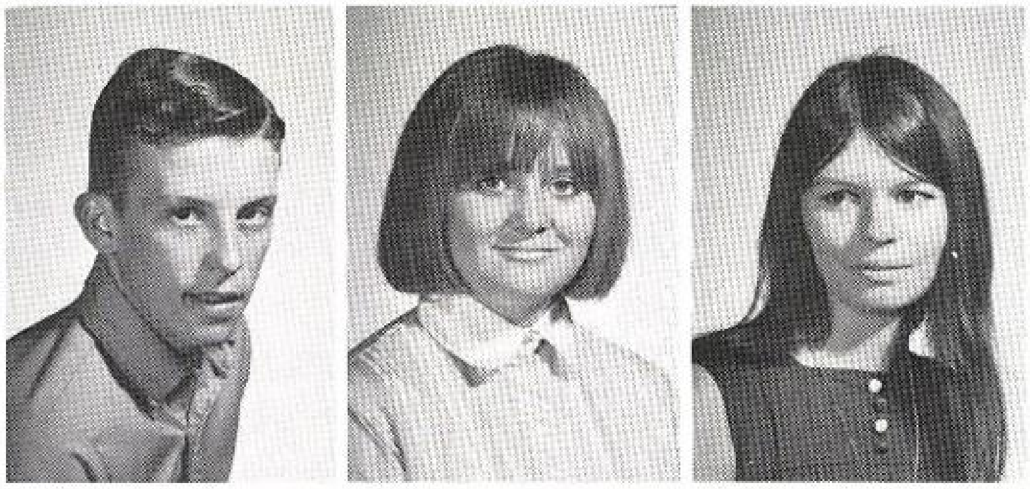

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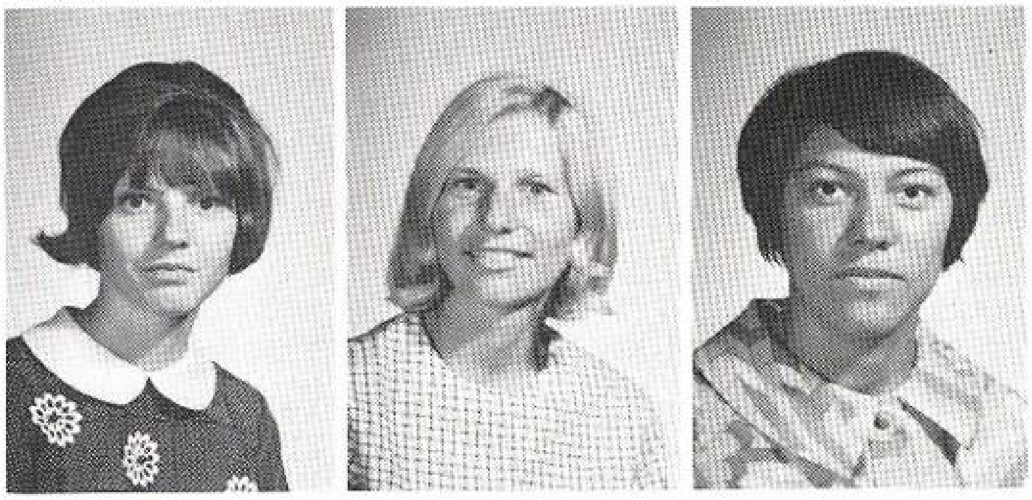
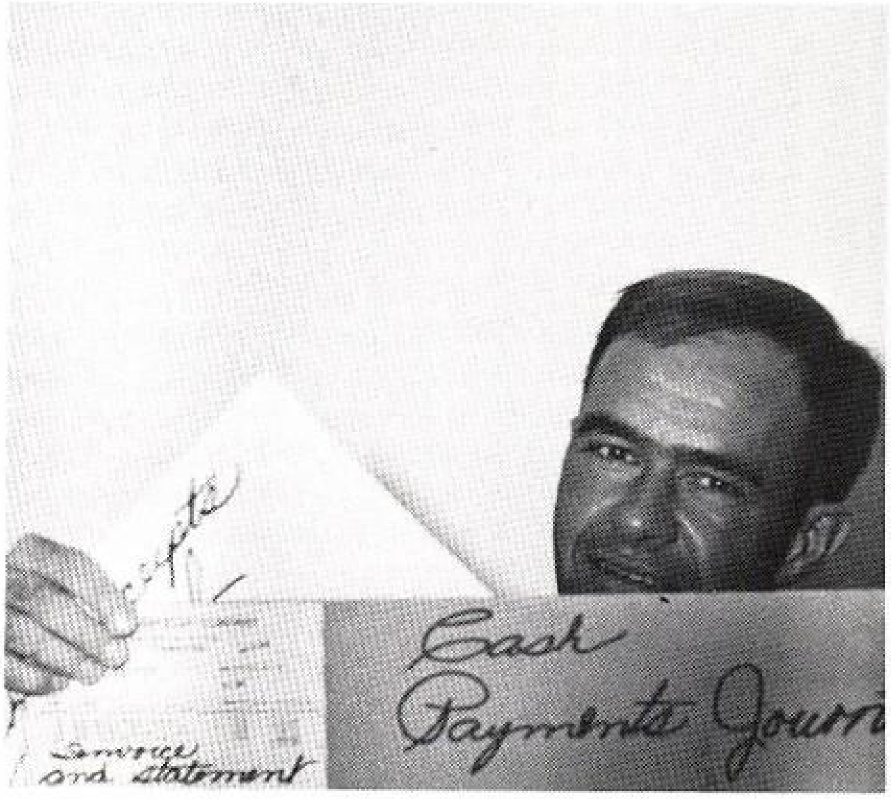


Lorna Wilkinson
Walter Williams
Sandra Wynkoop
Becky Young
Linda Zamora

Sophomores With a Ball

Penetrating all facets of Wildcat life, sophomores brought with them both a sense of vitality and a new direction. Taking their initial hazing with a smile, the Class of '71 kept on chewing when seniors called them bubblegummers. And as they bopped down the hallowed halls, sophomores nudged upperclassmen with gangling elbows and knees in an awkward dance which choreographed a clear, if spasmodic, message proclaiming, "Look out, seniors; here we come!" By mid-winter Fruita's elite F-Club invited several newcomers into its ranks. Decked out in weird garb, seasoned with an onion on a string necklace, sophomore athletes kissed girl after girl 'on orders.' 'Cat kittens agreed the sacrifice was worth it (ugh! those onions!) because the guys really looked sharp in their new letter sweaters. In poster fun or in the pursuit of spirit, sophomores took the world in stride; at year's end it was impossible to distinguish them from the upperclassmen, except for the noise. National Honor Society, Fruita Chapter, rolled out the red carpet, and the sophomores knew, at last, they had arrived.

Teachers Linked Past to Future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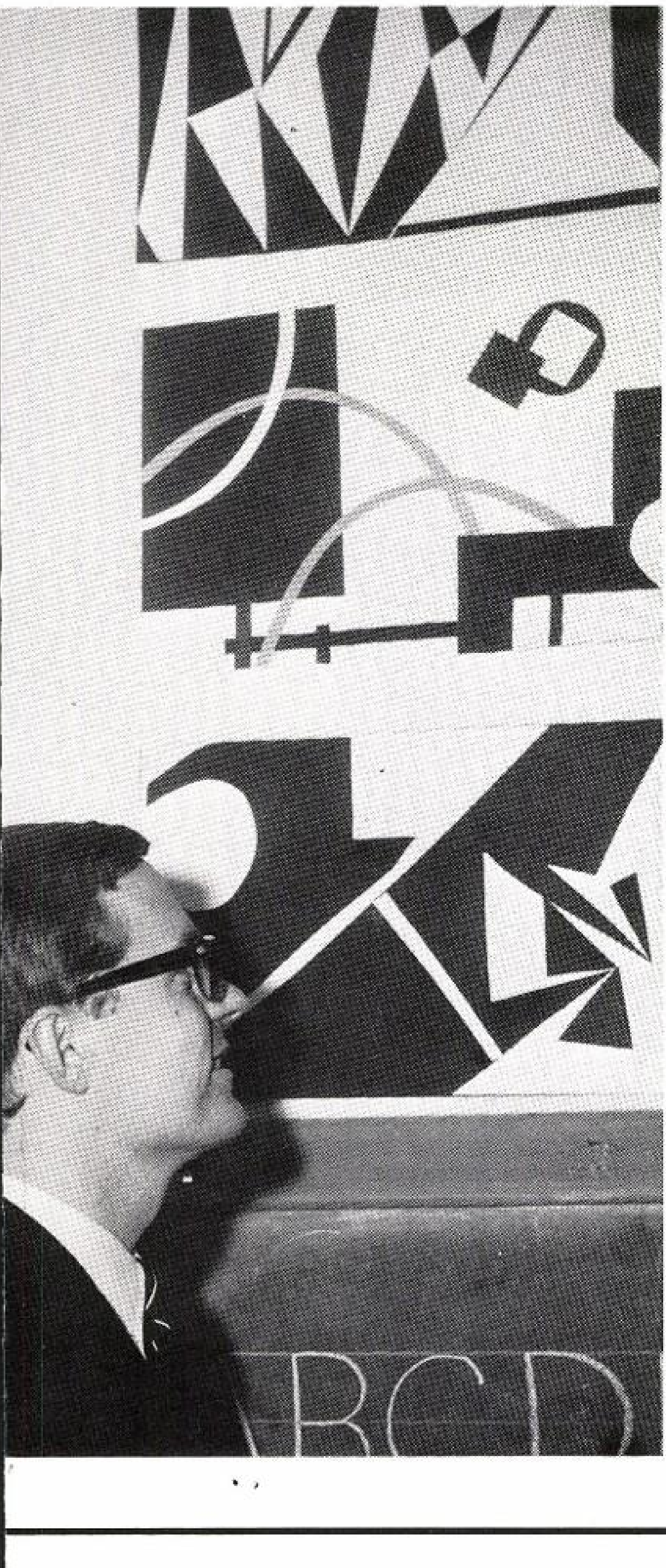

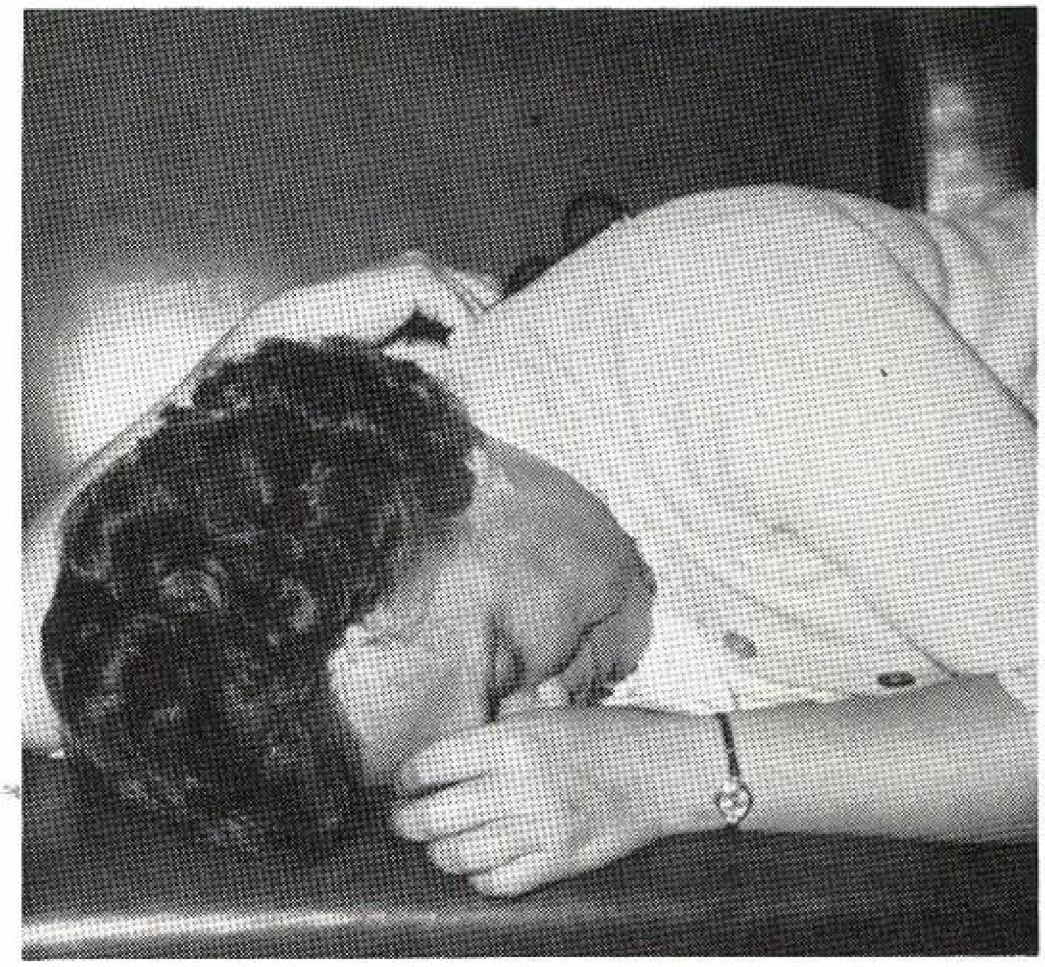

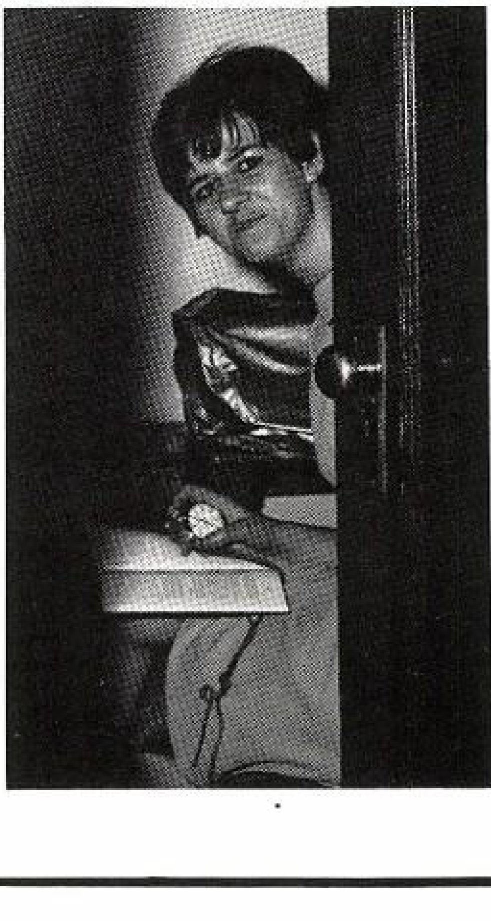

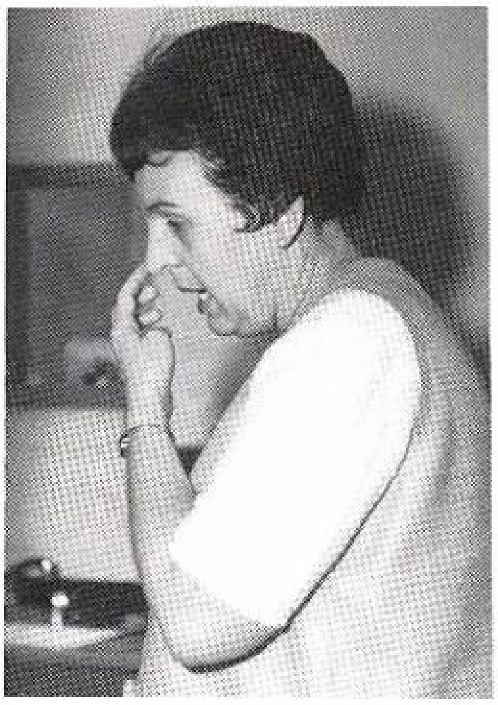

A Yearbook's
Finest Friends:
The Office Staff,
Fruita's Pride—

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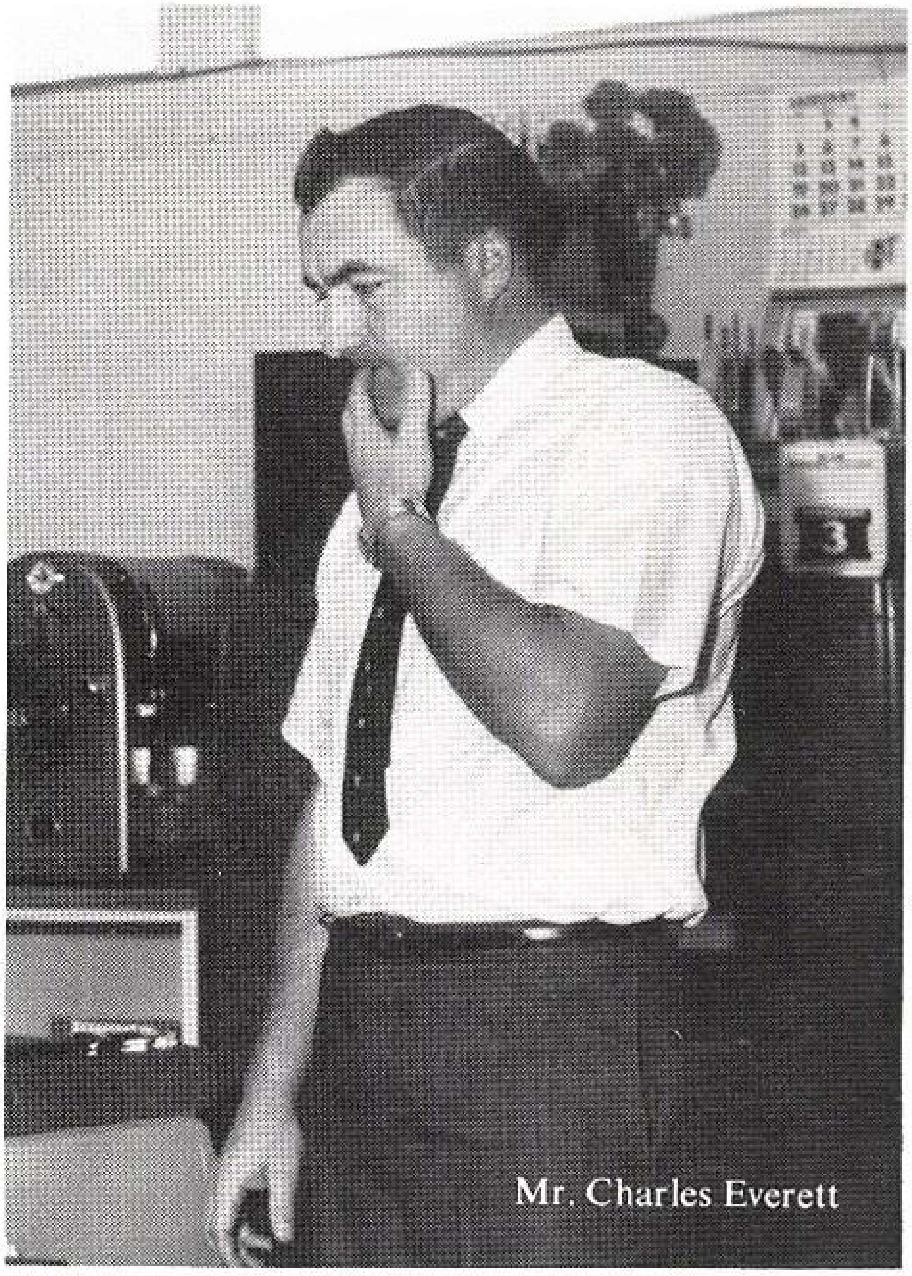
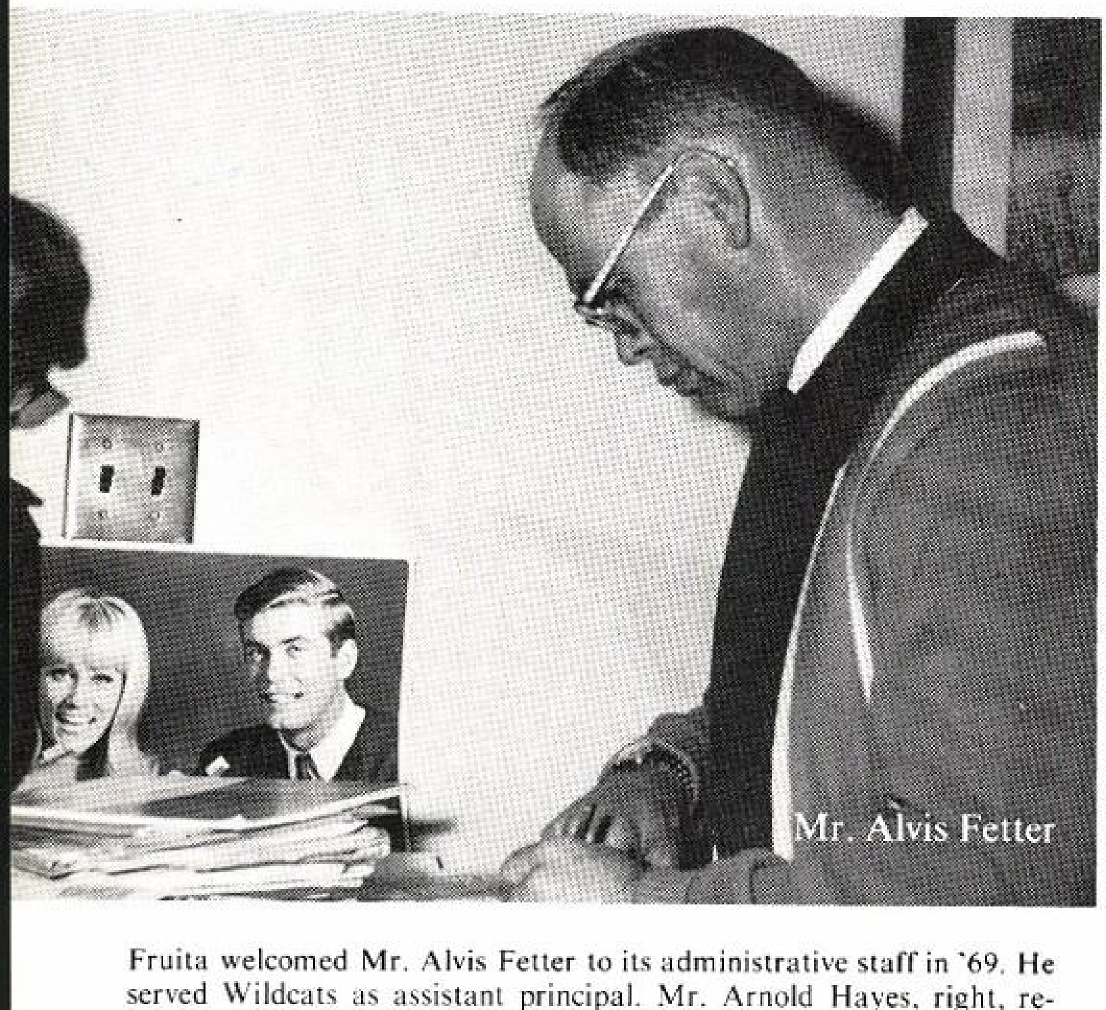
Mrs. Margaret Parish
Mrs. Eleanor Tompkins

Miss Marilyn Wallace

Mrs. Ruth Taylor

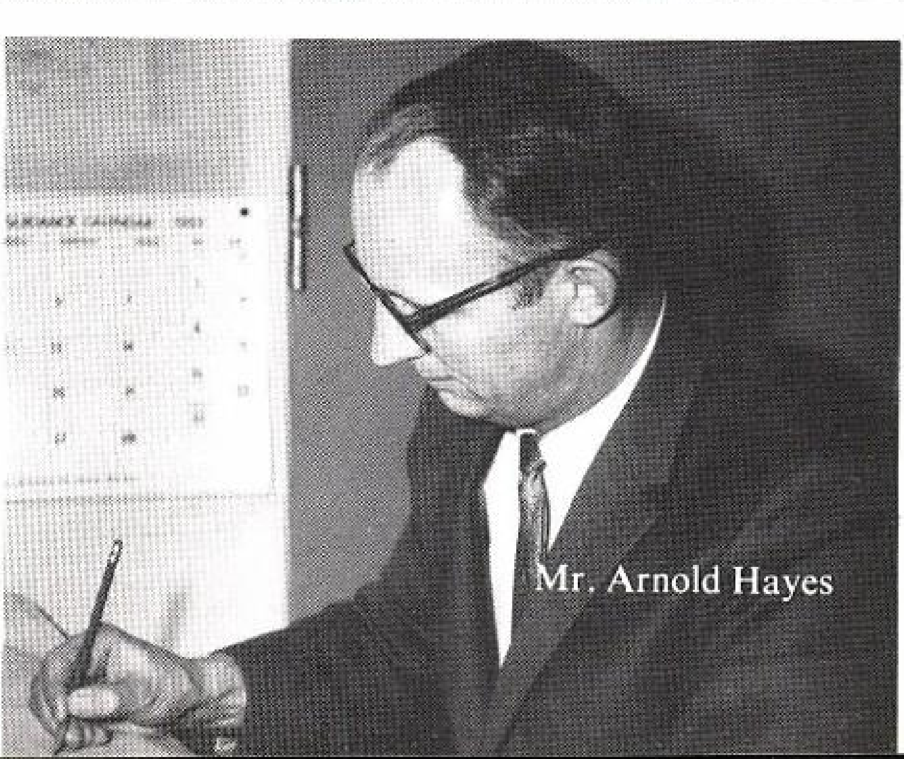


Mr. Charles Everett

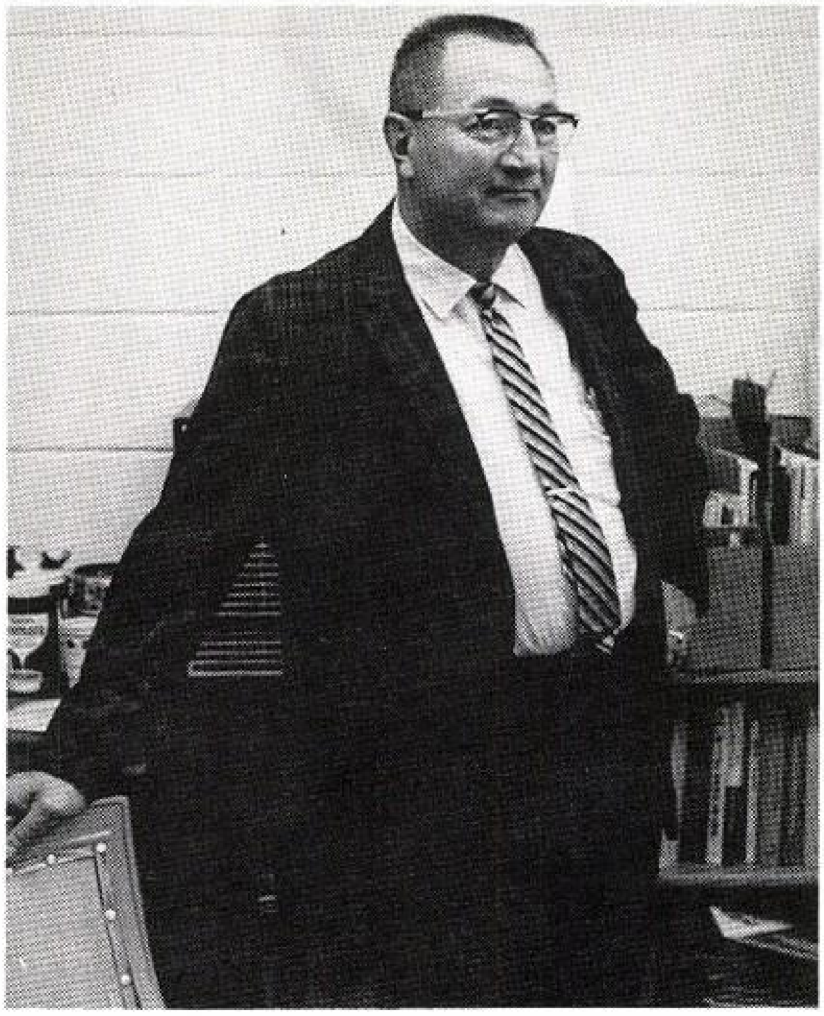


Mr. Alvis Fetter

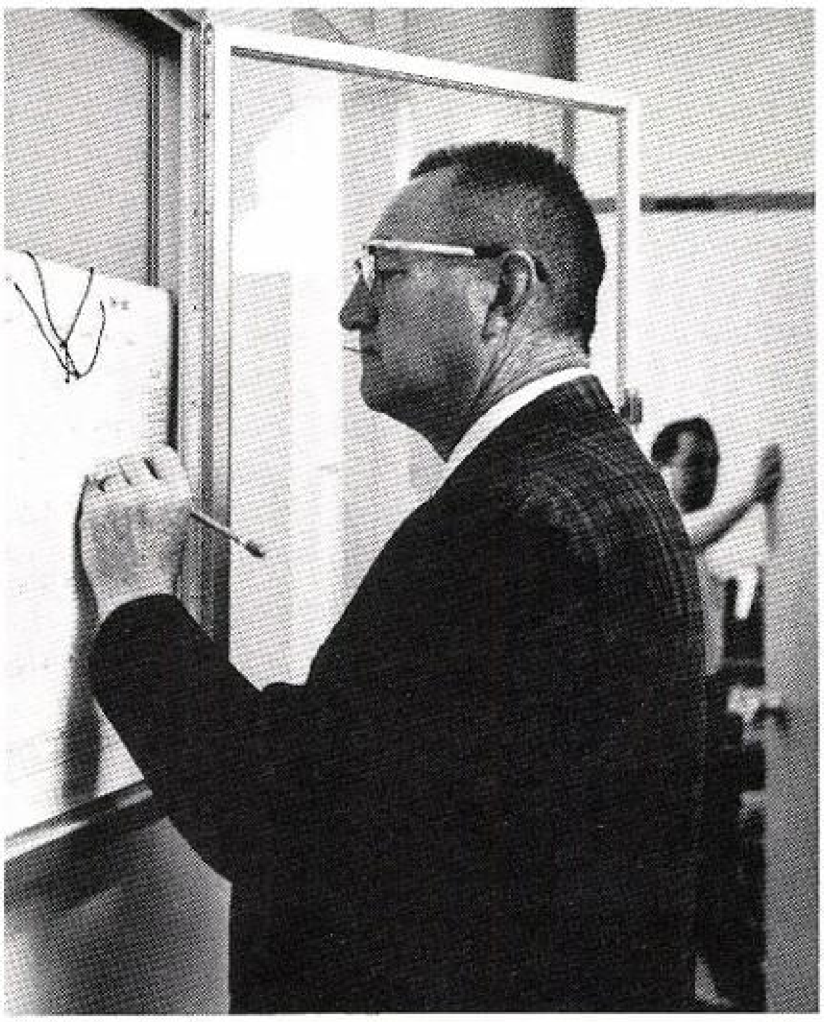
Fruita welcomed Mr. Alvis Fetter to its administrative staff in '69. He served Wildcats as assistant principal. Mr. Arnold Hayes, right, received a widely hearalded promotion to the post of Dean of Students and he was slated to become vice-principal at FMHS. Popular Mr. Charles Everett returned to Fruita as counsellor, friend sage.



Mr. Arnold Hayes



Attuned with the times, Principal Walden H. George challenged students to find strength for happiness in a wild, wild world. Staying atop myriad daily problems, Mr. George prepared Fruita for the transition to both a new plant and the innovation of modular scheduling in '70. Concerned not only with curriculum and policy but with people, Mr. George listened when students spoke.



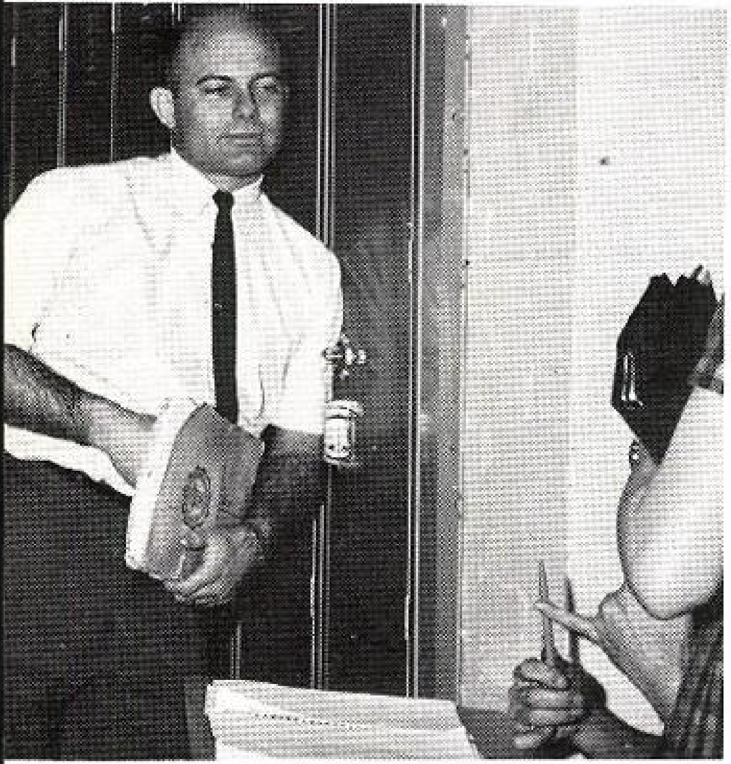
As skirts went up and *the* experience in life for some became hair-raising, Mr. George kept his cool. He allowed lattitude for self-expression in an age when society was often up-tight, inexorable.

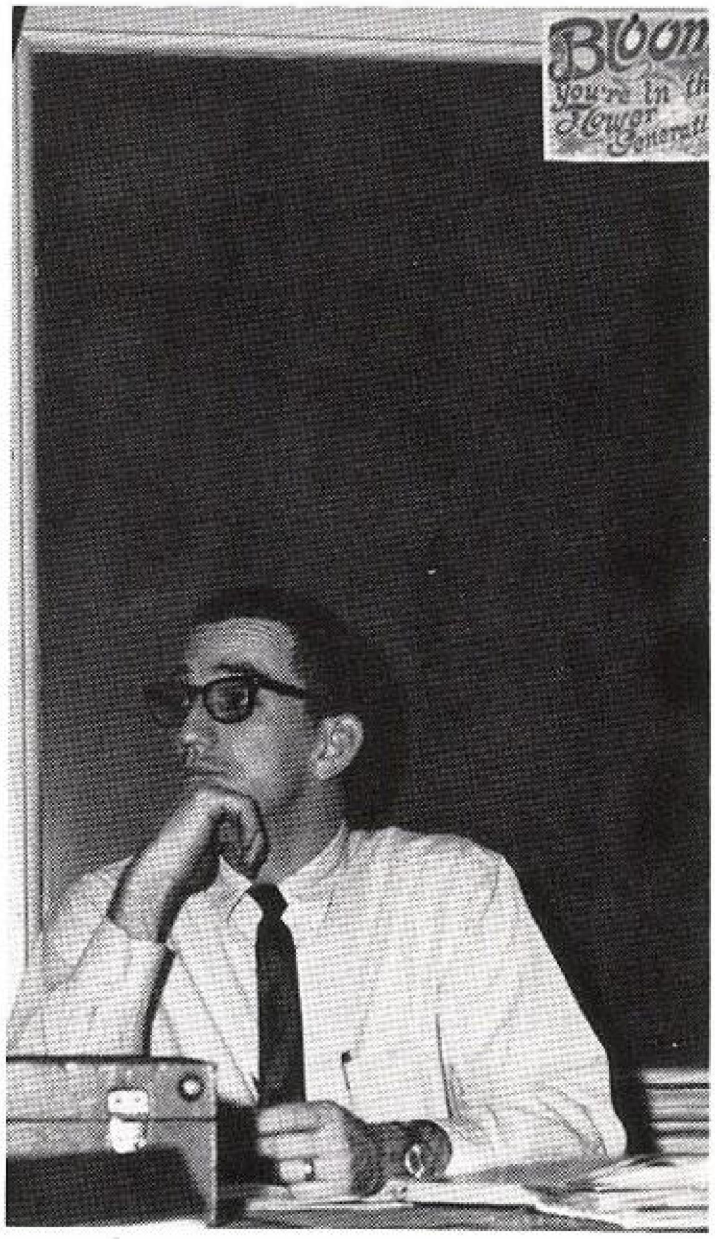
Principal Walden H. George, Challenger

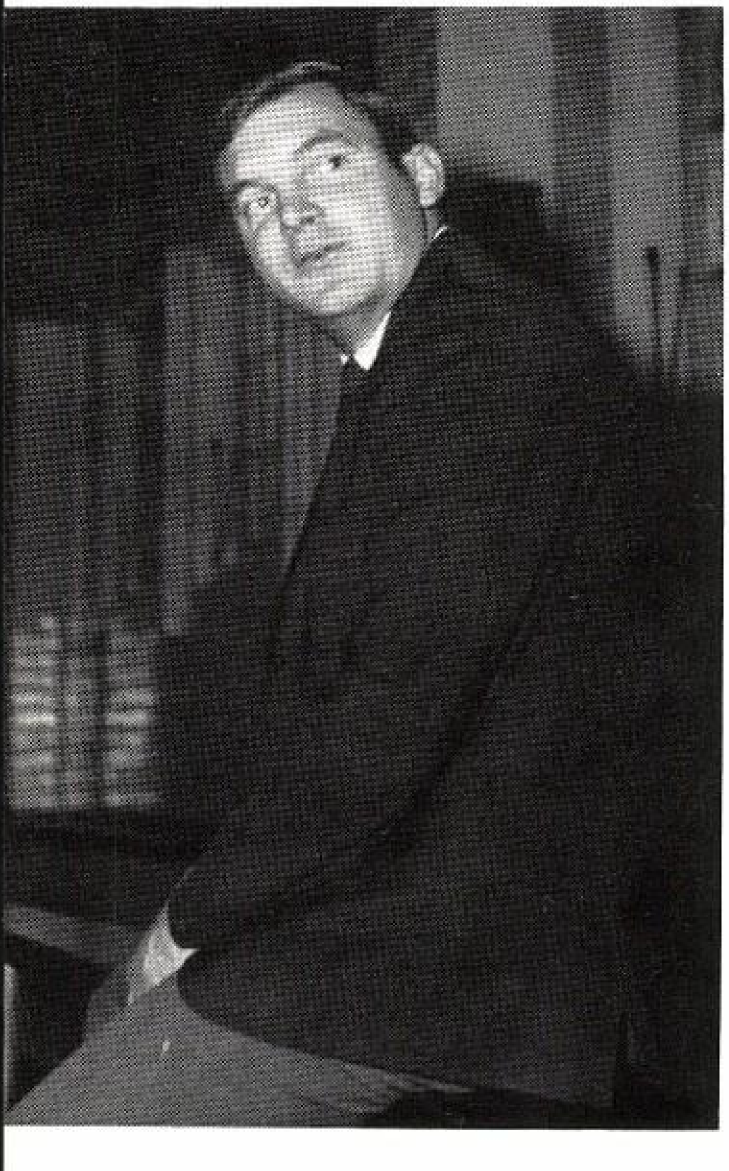
Mr. George understood student desire to question "Who am I, and what can I be?" He encouraged 'Cats to probe the human side of existence, to act with decisiveness, to be honest in the search for truth. Mr. George was, indeed, a hip 'Cat in '69.

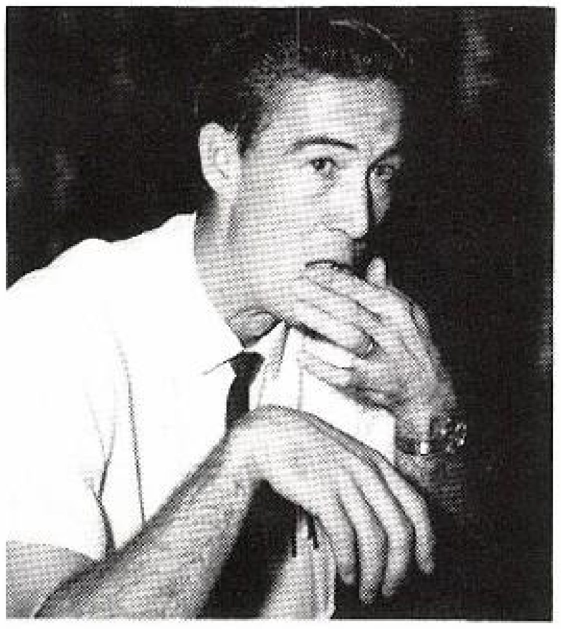
Students Caught the Twinkle

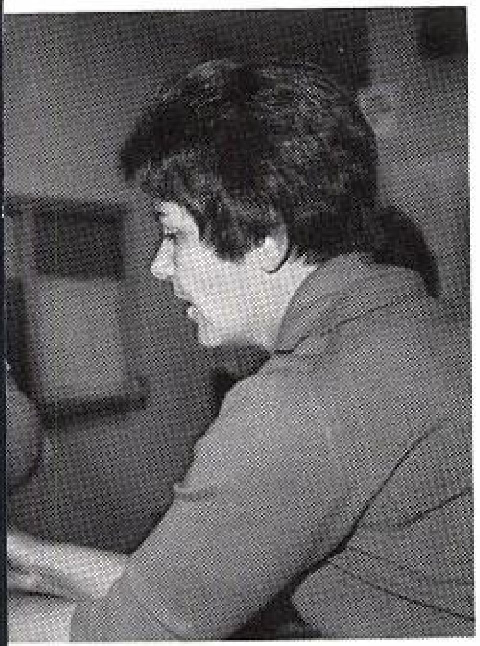
Wildcat classroom dons thrived amid the daily bluster of academic exchange and hurly-burly of the halls. Professionals all, they mellowed teaching into a joy of life, a reason for living. Each day dawned in a scholastic world different from the one before to challenge and to excite. Armed with experience, a sense of humor and pride, teachers had a ball.

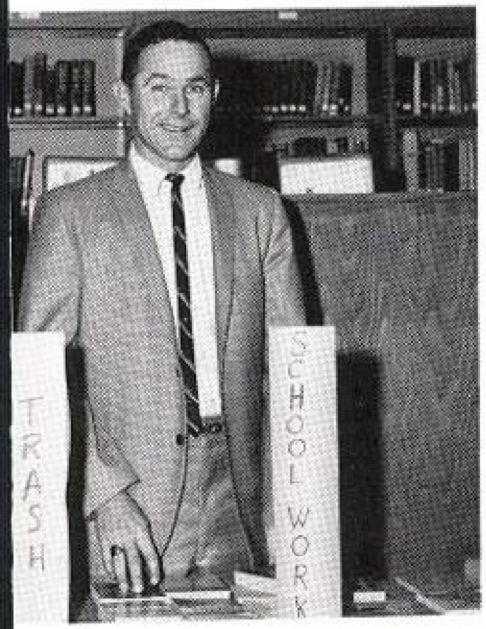




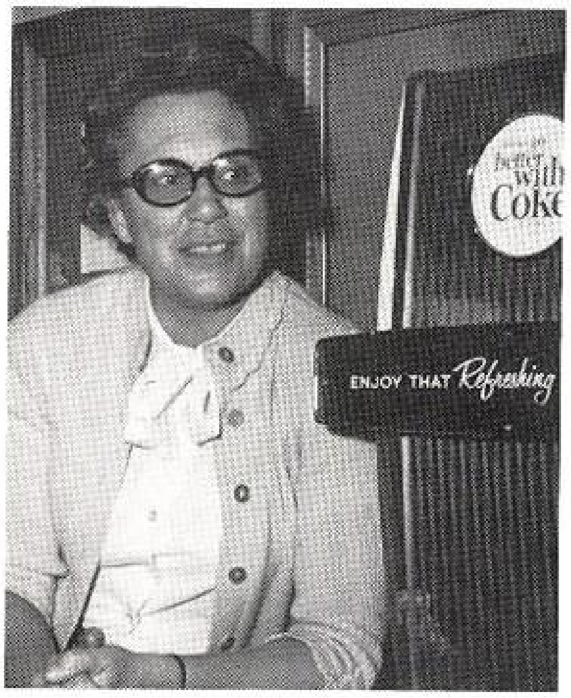


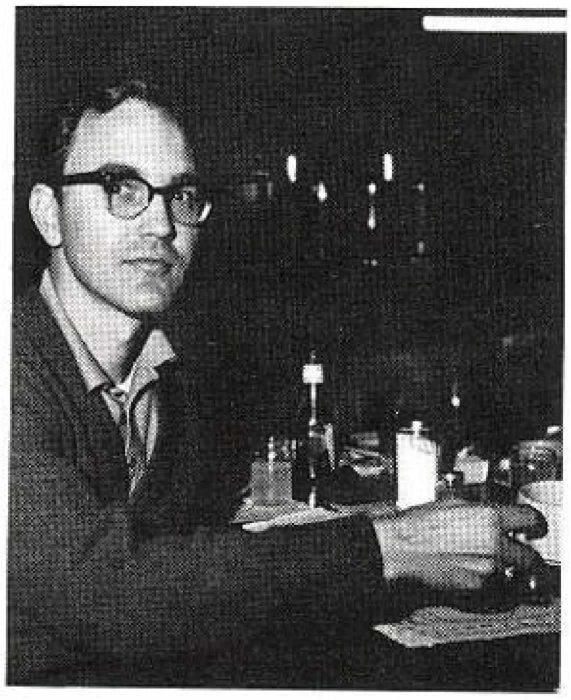






Among those in the Wildcat vanguard for '69 were, opposite, top: Coach Gerald Zybura, Coach Lowry Bishop, scooter tutor; Mr. David Silver; also opposite: Mr. Darrell Warren, Mr. Marion Littlepage, Mr. Richard Roy and Mr. William Silliman. At center top is Mr. Charles Everett, then Mrs. Pat Collister, Mr. Charles Reicks, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Crow, Mr. Leonard Davis is at left.



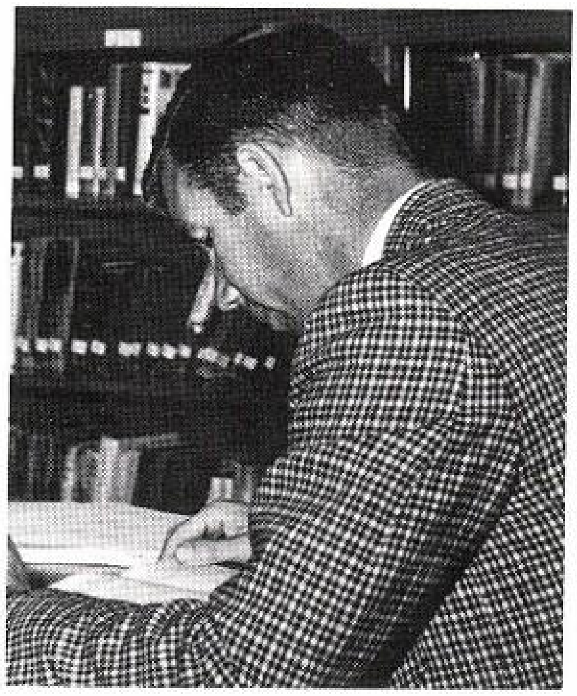


Mr. Jack Pollock
Mrs. Dolores Moyer
Mr. Robert Watts

Miss Janice Porath

MR. JACK POLLOCK,veteran Fruita classroom teacher, attended Mesa College, Colorado State College and Western State College. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees. Instructor of chemistry, Mr. Pollock also sponsored F-Club and was head matman. MISS JANICE PORATH graduated from Colorado State University in Fort Collins. She holds a B.A. degree. In addition to her busy shorthand, typing and office practice schedule, she also sponsored the Class of '69. MRS. DOLORES MOYER is an alumna of Mesa College, the University of Colorado and Colorado State College. She holds a B.A. degree; in '69 Mrs. Moyer sponsored Drill Team. MRS. FRANCES BUCHER is graduated from Colorado State College where she majored in English. She is the holder of a B.A. degree and is certified to teach educationally handicapped. MR. ROBERT WATTS graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University where he earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in theological studies. Mr. Watts taught psychology, sociology; sponsored IRC and Key Club. MR. LOWRY BISHOP, Fruita's Chief Court Coach, attended Snow Junior College and Brigham Young University. He holds a B.S. degree. Mr. Bishop instructed in United States history and physical education as well as sponsoring F-Club. MISS BARBARA MEEKER graduated from the University of Iowa; she holds a B.A. degree. Majoring in French, Miss Meeker was Fruita's French Club sponsor and instructor in French in '69. MRS. CLARICE TAYLOR, home economics and FHA advocate, graduated from Grace Land College, Iowa State University and Colorado State Universty with A.A., B.S. and M.S. degrees. MRS. RUTH TAYLOR served Fruita as School Nurse. MR. JAMES DE VRIES attended Colorado State University; a B.S. degree holder, he instructed industrial arts and sponsored the sophomore class. MR. WILLIAM SILLIMAN, chairman of the Science and Mathematics Department, and sponsor of Student Council, attended Colorado State College where he earned a B.A. degree. MR. SAM PARKER taught algebra and business law; he is a graduate of Mesa and Western State Colleges. MR. GEORGE SHANK, new to Fruita in '69, headed-up studies in geology. MR. CHARLES REICKS was graduated from Nebraska State and the University of Michigan. He holds a B.A. degree in education. Sponsor of Library Club, Mr. Reicks was Chief Librarian. The library was a better place because of him.

Mrs. Frances Bucher
Mr. Lowry Bishop
Miss Barbara Meeker



Working With Young People Found Teachers Where the Action Was

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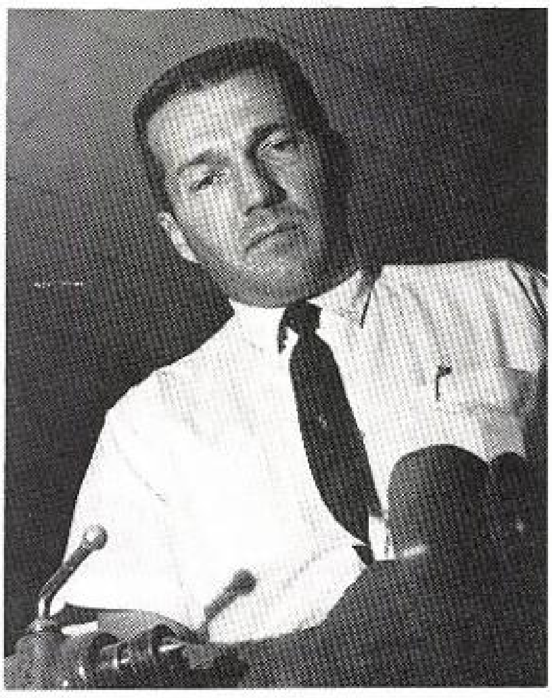

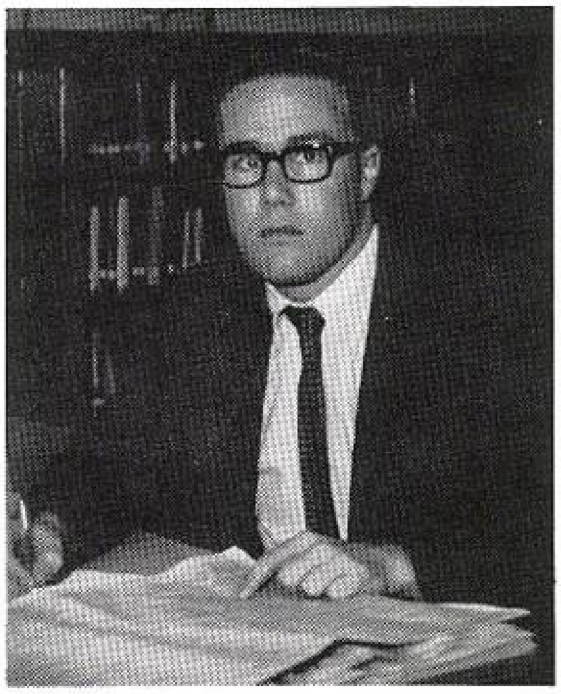

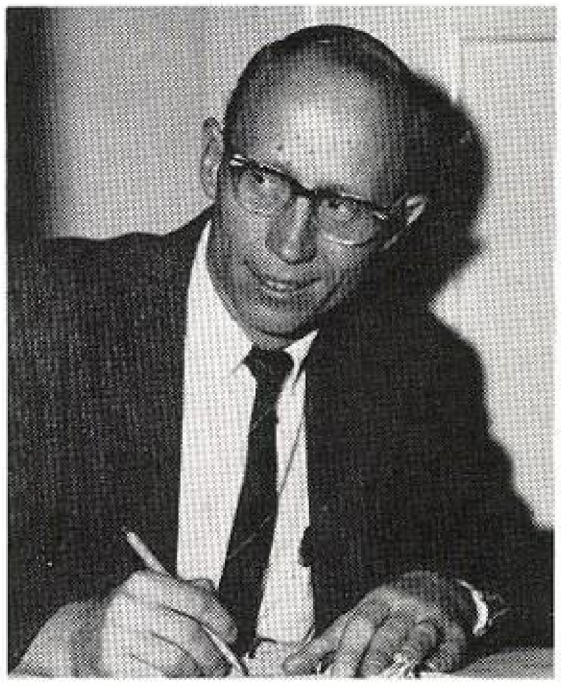

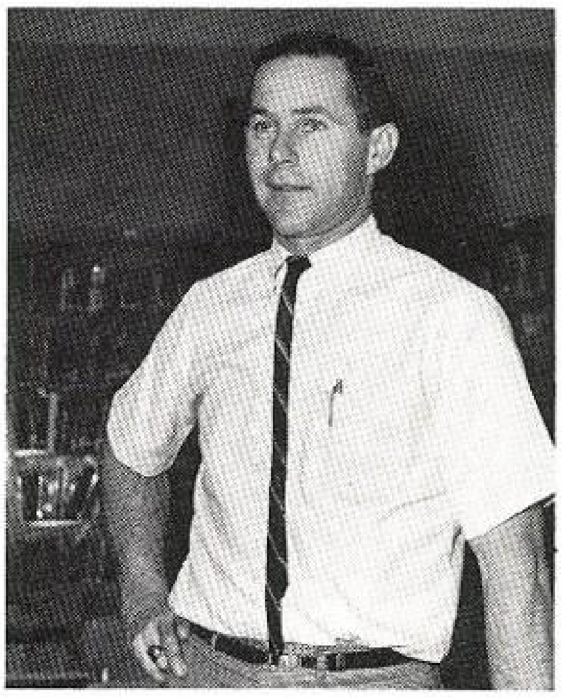

Fruita Mentors Combined Soul, Poise To Make Classes Swing

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Mrs. Bonnie Beck,
Instructor
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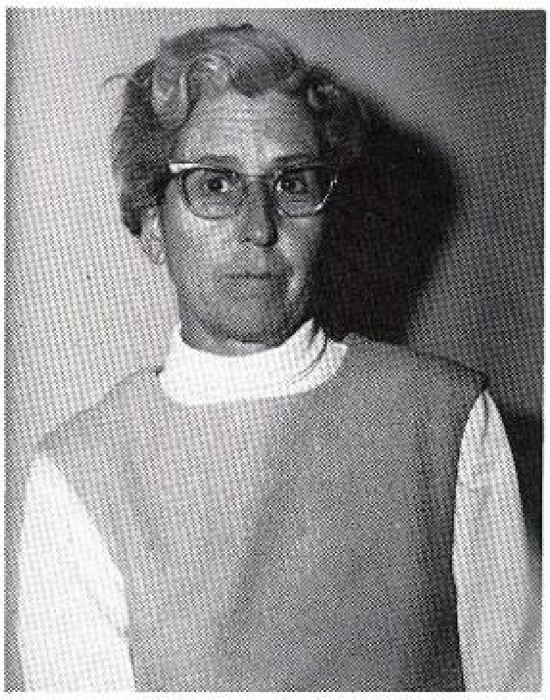

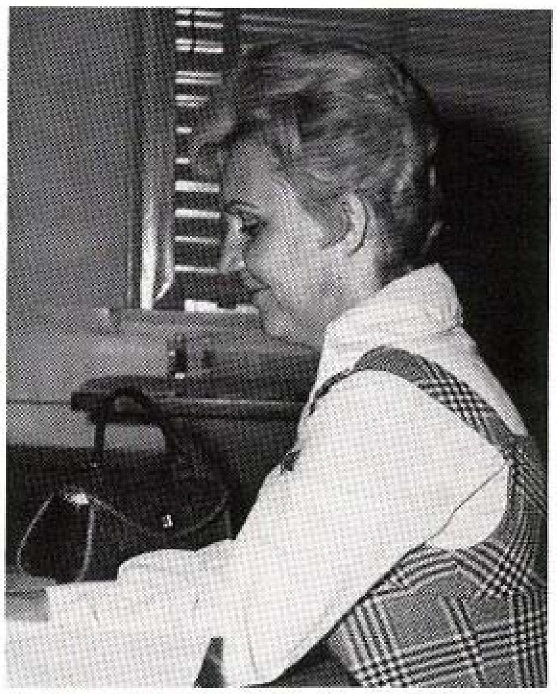

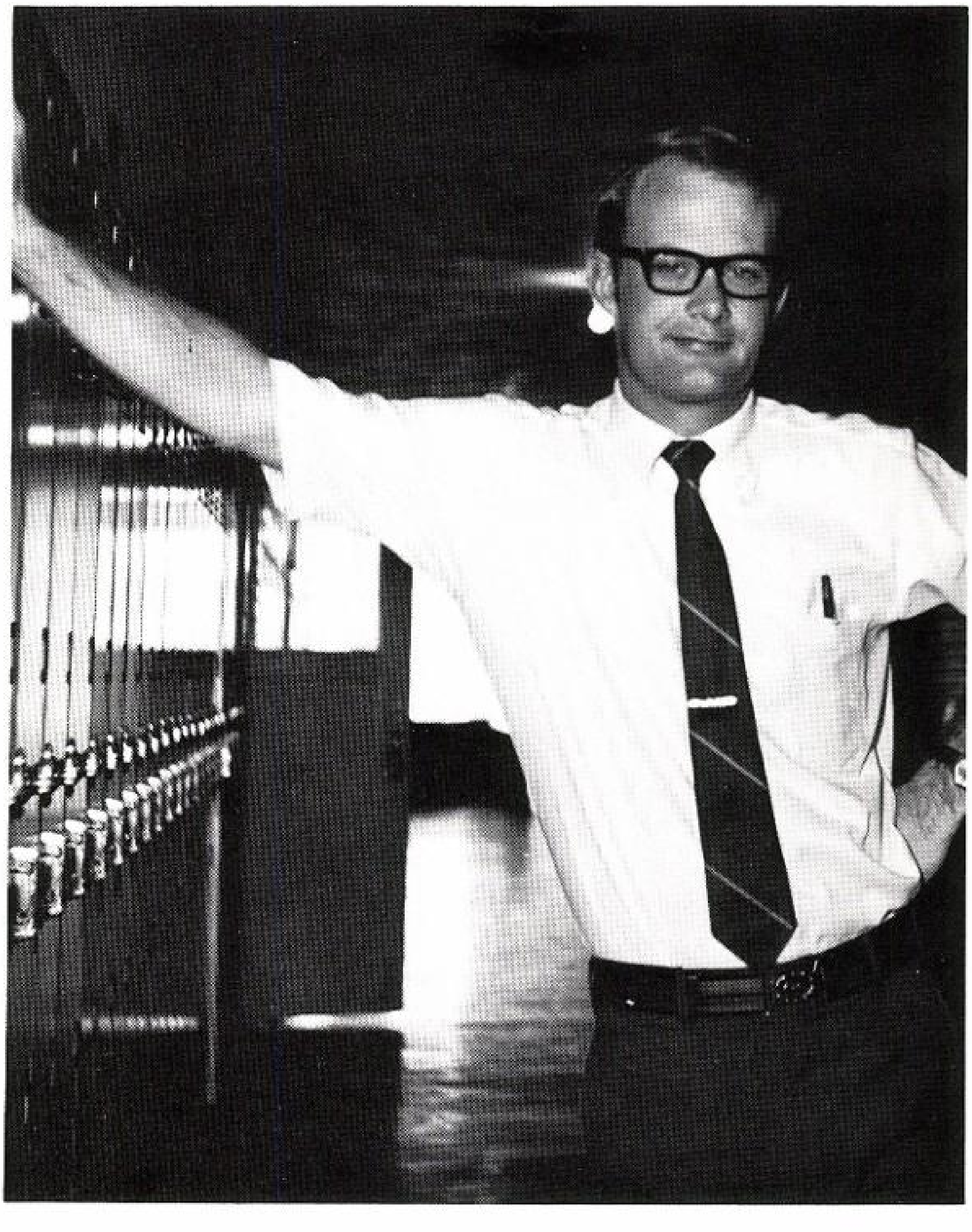

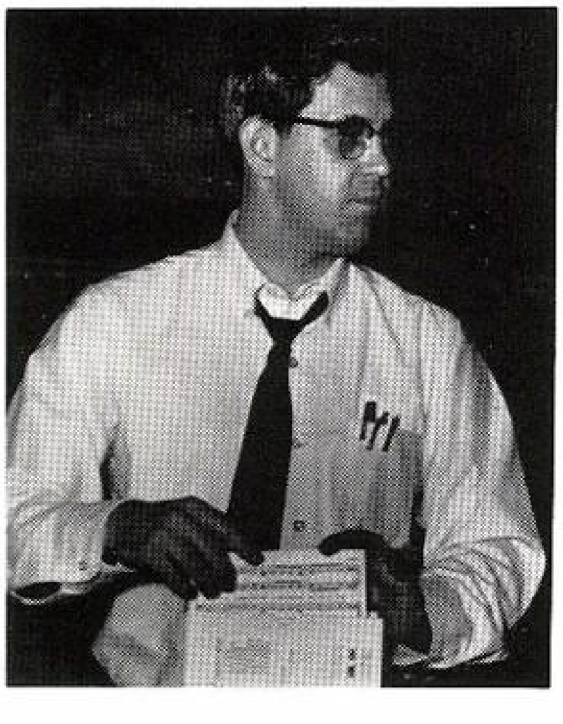

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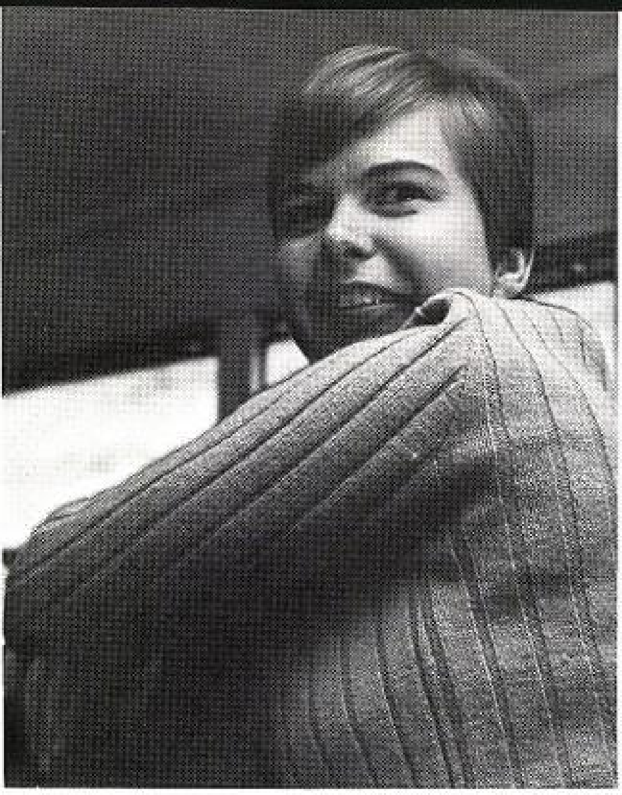

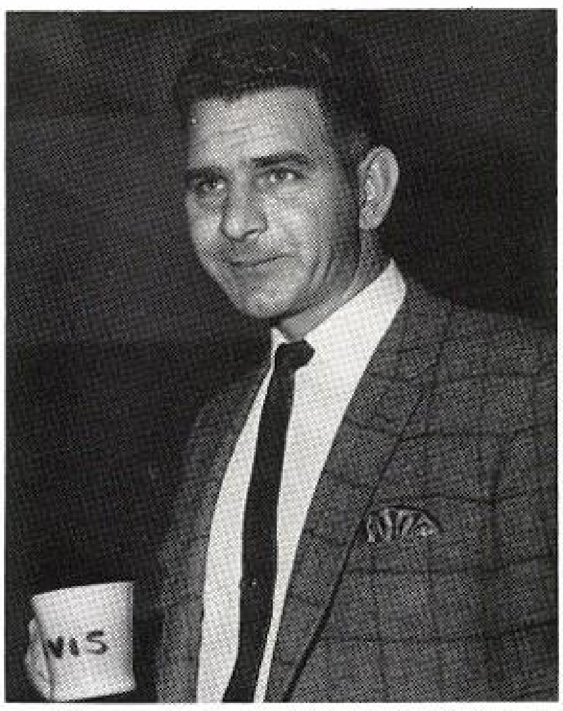

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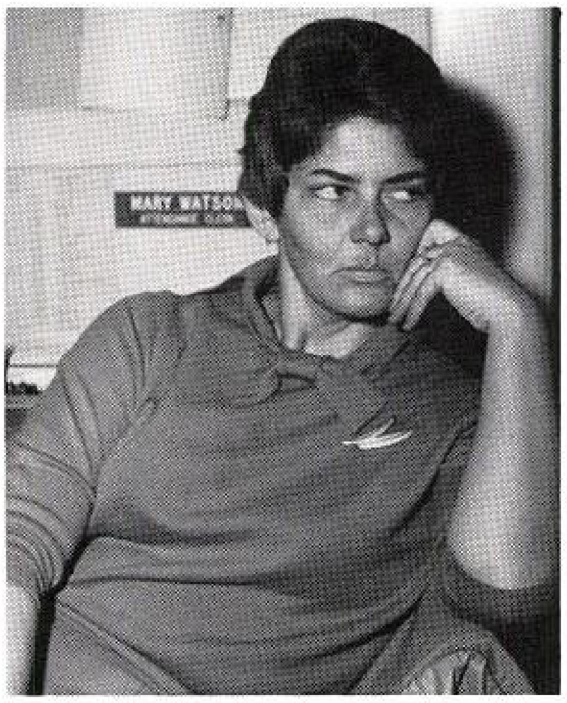
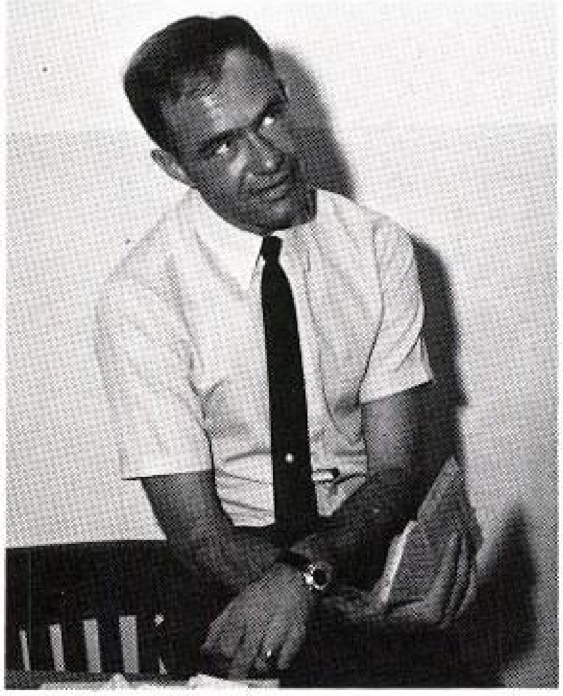
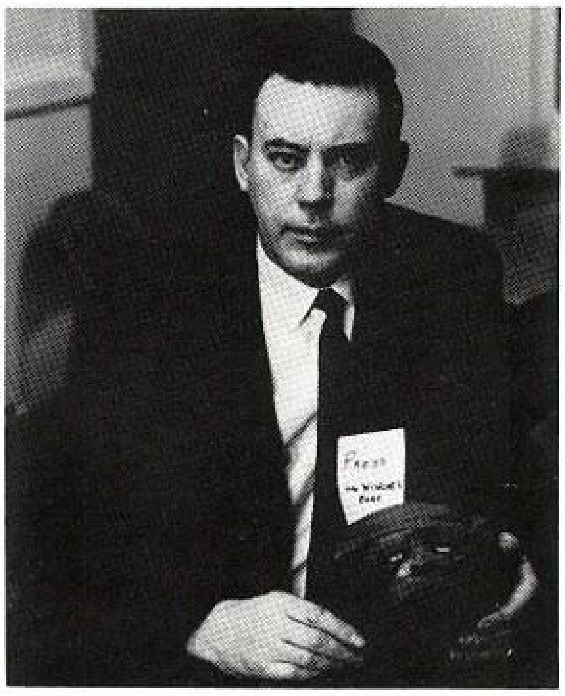
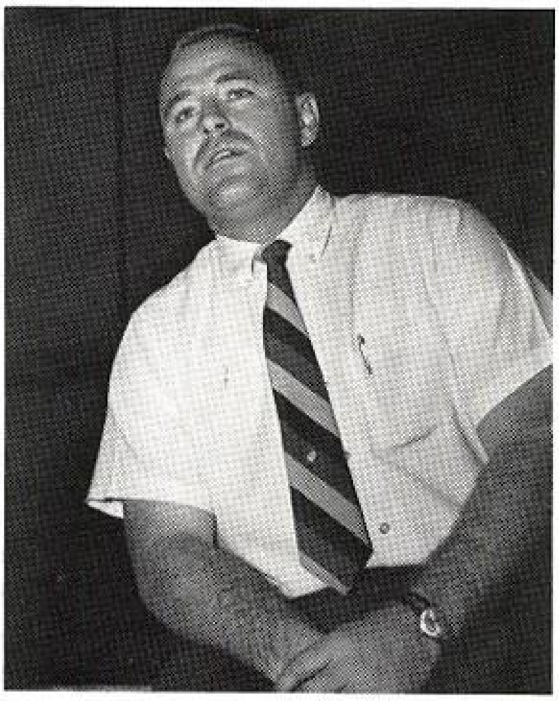




Substitute periodically for Mr. Richard Roy, MR. PAUL BUSHKOVSKI became a full-time faculty member at the semester. A graduate of Adams State College of Alamosa, he holds a B.A. degree in vocal and instrumental music; Mr. Bushkovski directed Fruita's heralded Wildcat Band. MRS. VEDA QUIMBY was a familiar friend to many in '69 and in years past; Mrs. Quimby was a scholarly authority in the area of social studies. She also served as co-sponsor of National Honor Society. MRS. BONNIE BECK, a vigorous and energetic faculty member with a smile and pleasant manner, instructed students in the usage of the mother tongue. MR. MARION LITTLEPAGE, a graduate of Kansas State Teachers' College, taught mathematics. In addition to serving as head baseball and tennis coach, Mr. Littlepage was one of four senior class sponsors. MR. TED LORTS came to Fruita a graduate of Wichita State University and Southern Methodist University. Holding a B.S. degree in musical education and an M.A. degree in sacred music, Mr. Lorts coached vocal music and sponsored Swing Choir, Girls' Glee Club. He was a junior class sponsor. MR. TOM RIENIETS attended New Mexico Highlands University. With a B.A. and an M.A. degree, Mr. Rieniets devoted his efforts to teaching biology. He was a junior sponsor and a junior high coach. MRS. PATRICIA COLLISTER, chairman of Fruita's Physical Education Department, attended the University of Northern Iowa. She holds a B.A. degree in physical education and taught P.E. MRS. PENELOPE PULLIAM, a lively and vivacious lady served as go-go Pep Club sponsor as well as adviser to Cheerleaders and GAA. She is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University where she earned a B.S. degree. MR. LEONARD DAVIS, chairman of the Social Studies Department, holds a B.A. degree from Western State College; he taught U.S. and world history, sponsored the senior class. MR. DAVID CROMIE, taught English, journalism and advised publications staffs. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees. MRS. MAUDE MOSHER, a graduate of the University of Denver, was library secretary. MR. JOHN SKIFF holds a B.A. degree from Western State College; he taught typing and bookkeeping, sponsored the Wildcat Committee. MR. GEORGE REAY joined the Physical Education Department in '69; he taught boys' P.E., assisted with coaching.





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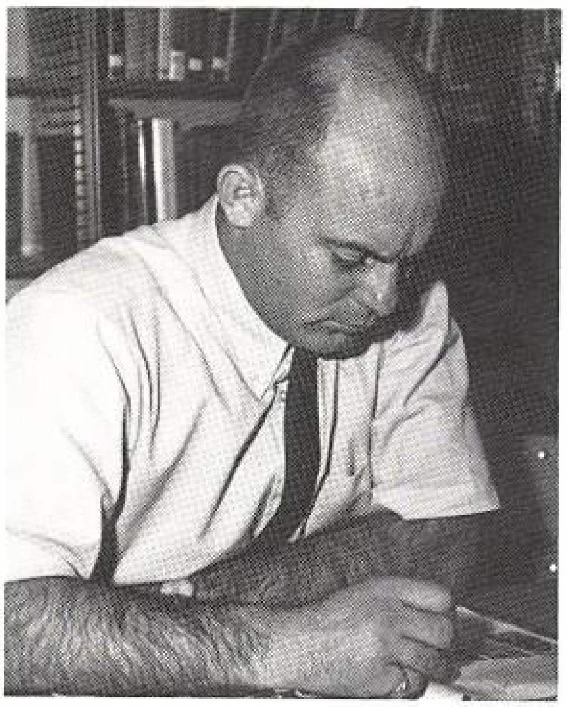

Mr. Gerald Zybura
Mr. Patrick Veerkamp
Mr. William Kinman
and
Mr. Omer Burenheide

COACH GERALD ZYBURA came to FHS with academic credits from Texas A & M University, University of Texas and Colorado State University; he holds a B.S. and an M.A. degree in science. Mr. Zybura taught mathematics, physical education, was head football coach and a sponsor of F-Club. MR. OMER BURENHEIDE has earned both a B.S. and an M.A. degree in education from Colorado State University. Fruita's highly dedicated sponsor of Future Farmers of America, Mr. Burenheide led vocational agriculture classes afield. MISS CAROLYN BOWLES attended Mesa College as well as Colorado State College. A B.A. degree holder, Miss Bowles taught art II and art crafts at FHS. MR. PATRICK VEERKAMP is an Adams State College and University of Denver alum. Wildcat art instructor and sponsor of Art Club, Mr. Veerkamp influenced Fruita's blue-ribbon talents visibly. MR. WILLIAM TRUMP is a proud son of Kansas University, Colorado State College and South Dakota State. With B.A. and M.A. degrees, he instructed wood shop skills and crafts and industrial arts. He also served as assistant wrestling coach. MR. WILLIAM KINMAN obtained his higher education at Western State College and Peru State College. Chairman of Fruita's English Department, Mr. Kinman holds a B.A. degree. In addition to teaching English, Mr. Kinman helped juniors build Camelot. MR. CLIFFORD MOORE attended Mesa College and Colorado State University. Instructor in mechanical drawing, Mr. Moore holds A.A. and B.A. degrees. MR. RICHARD ROY, a Western State College alum, directed instrumental music. MR. GERALD DECKER earned a B.A. degree in German by attending University of Colorado and Colorado State University. He sponsored German Club and Color Guard. MR. ELTON CROW, a B.A. and M.A. degree holder from Western State College, taught English, speech and drama; directed theatrical productions, sponsored Thespians, coached debate and was a junior class sponsor. MRS. MINNIE FUOCO, an alumna of Western State College and B.S. degree holder, taught home economics and sponsored Future Homemakers of America. MRS. KAREN PATTERSON, a WSC Mountaineer, taught Spanish, sponsored Spanish Club. MR. DAVID SILVER, of Oklahoma State University and Sacramento State College, taught English, sponsored seniors and coached. MR. DARRELL WARREN of WSC taught P.E. and sponsored sophomores. He coached baseball.

Instructors Traveled the Country Across To Dig Modular Schedules

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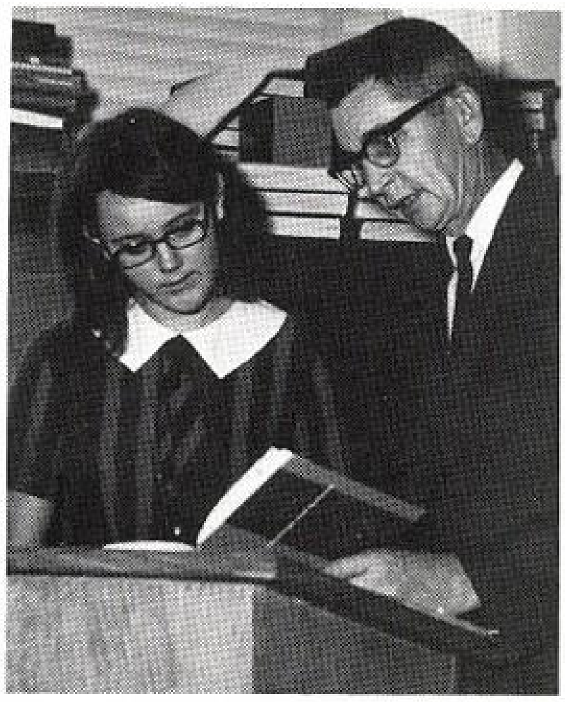
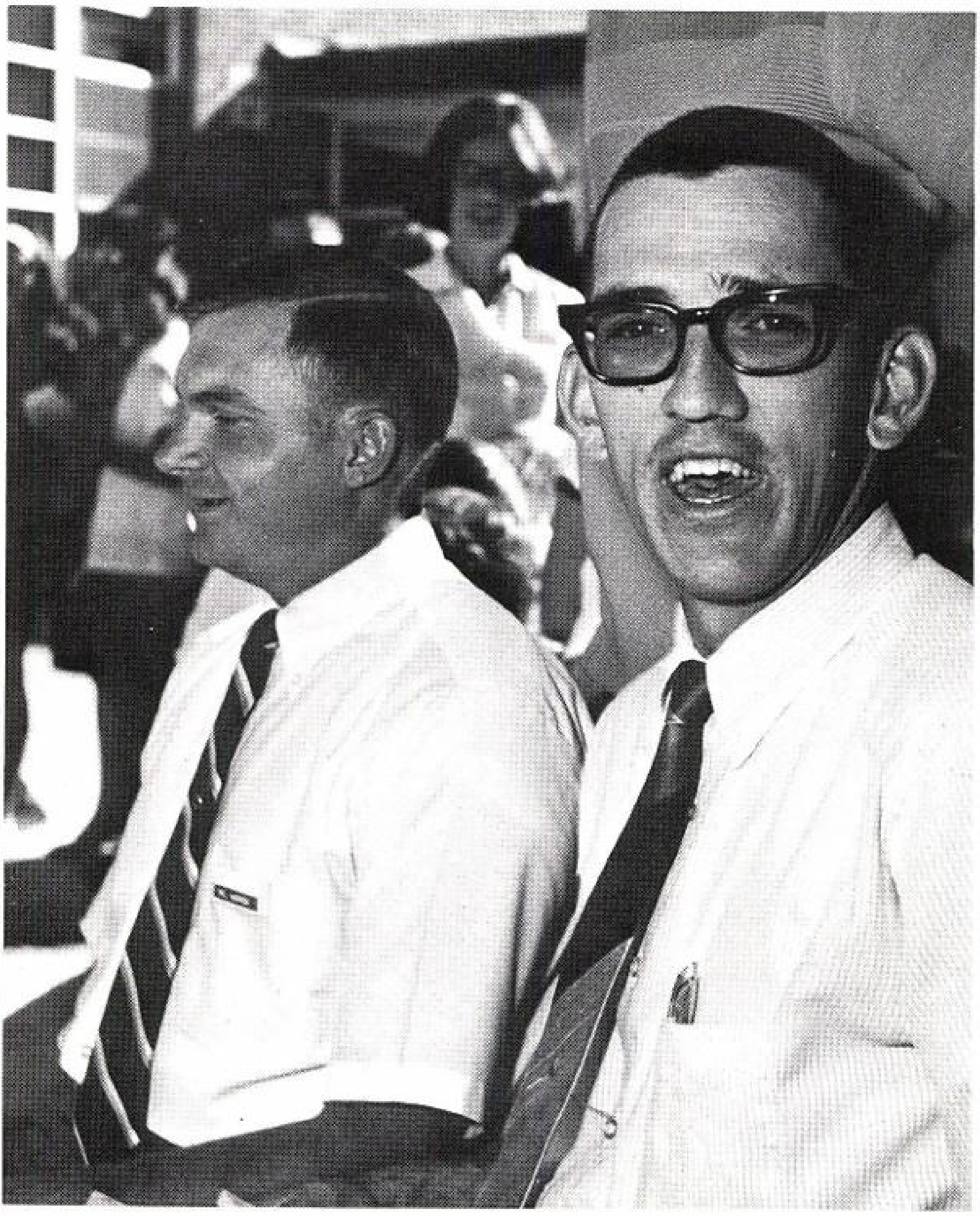
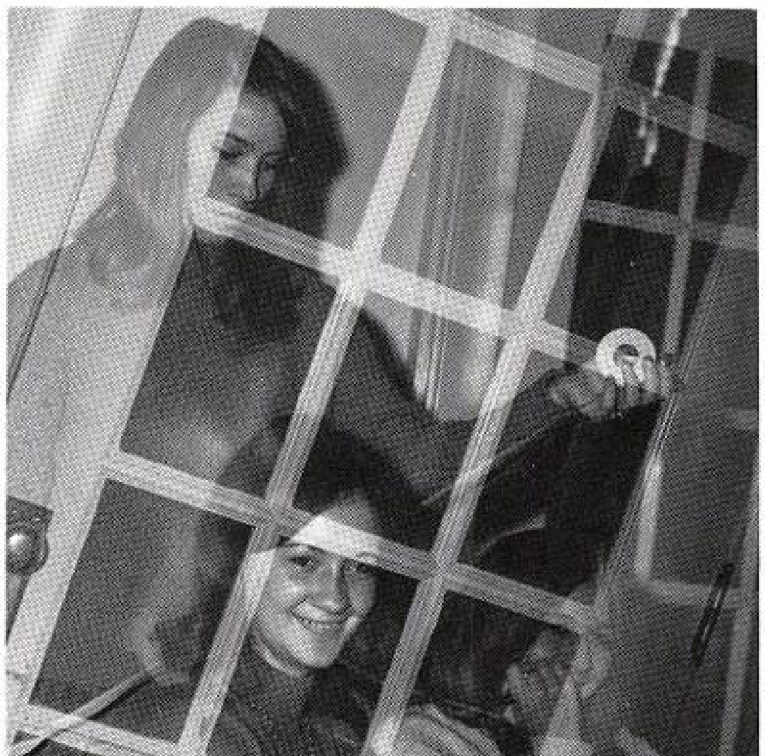
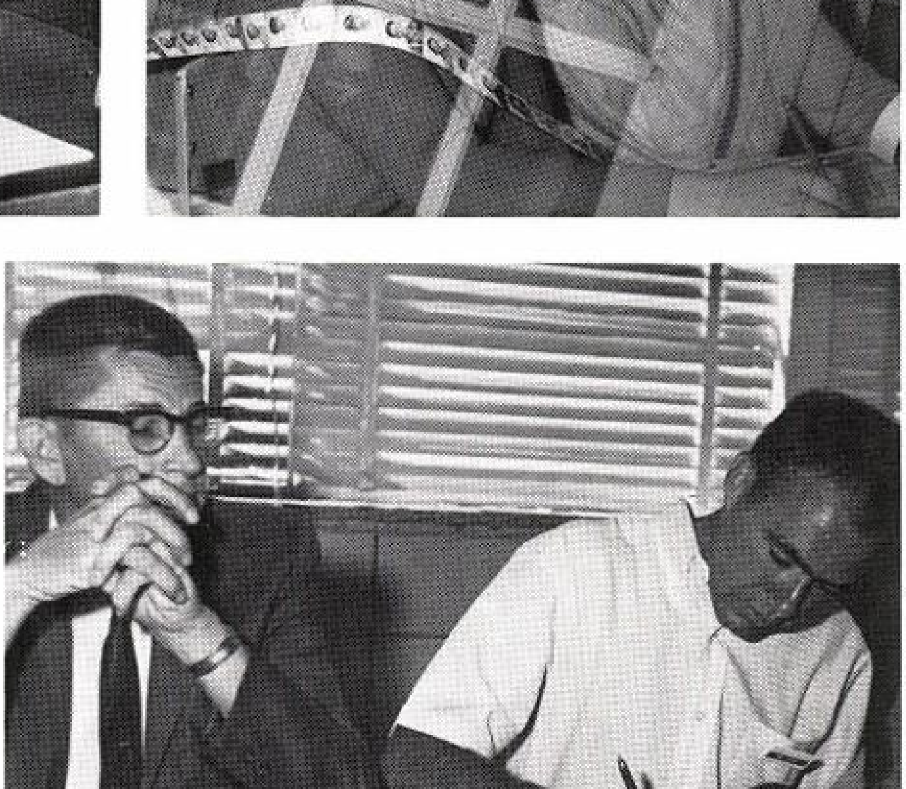




’Cats Explored Inner Man, Outer Space





New Frontiers: Academics

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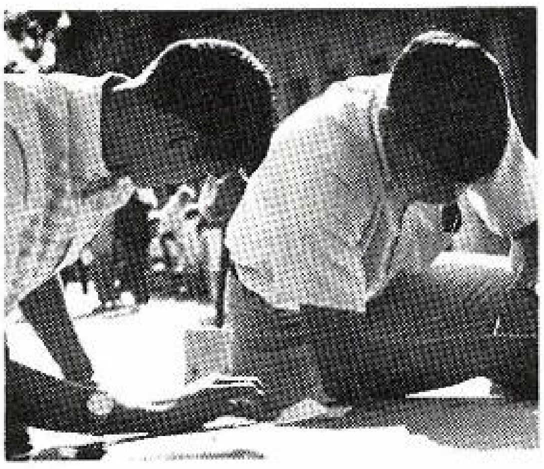
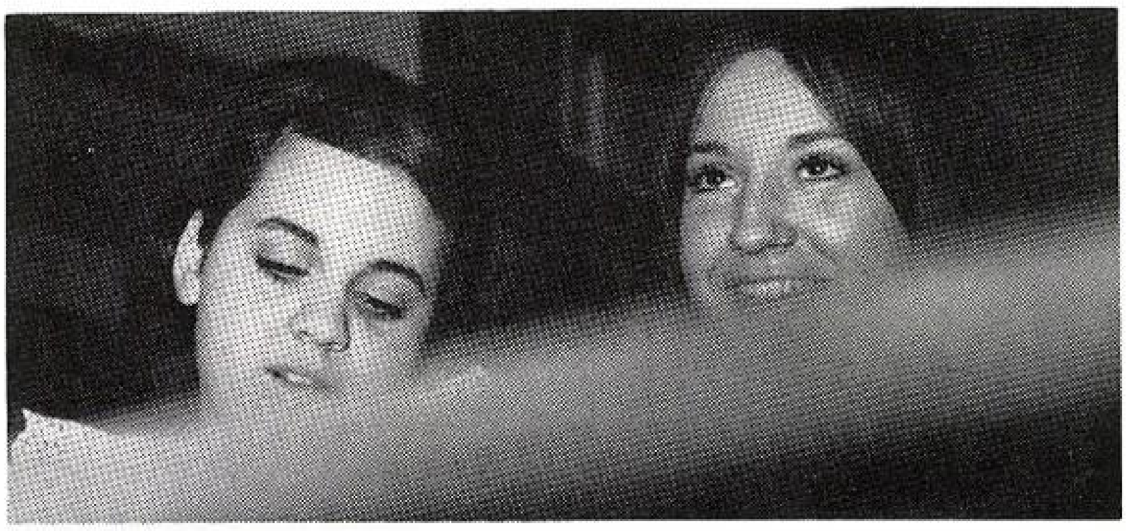
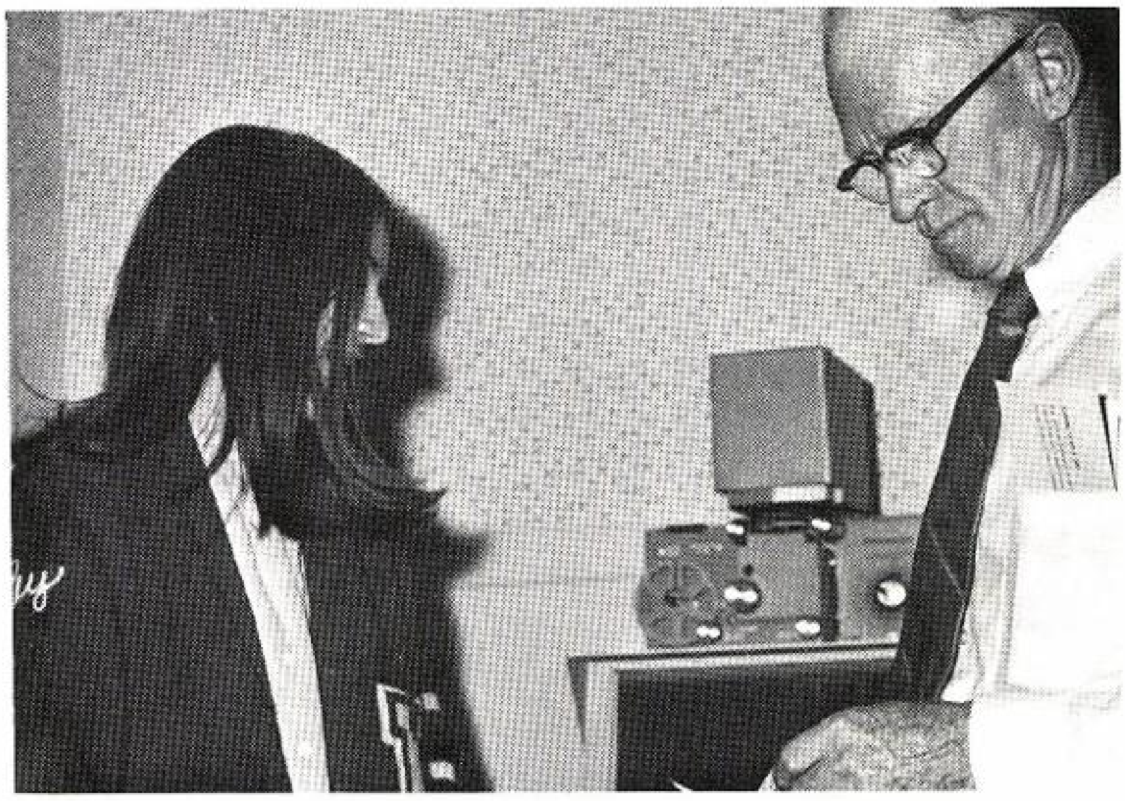




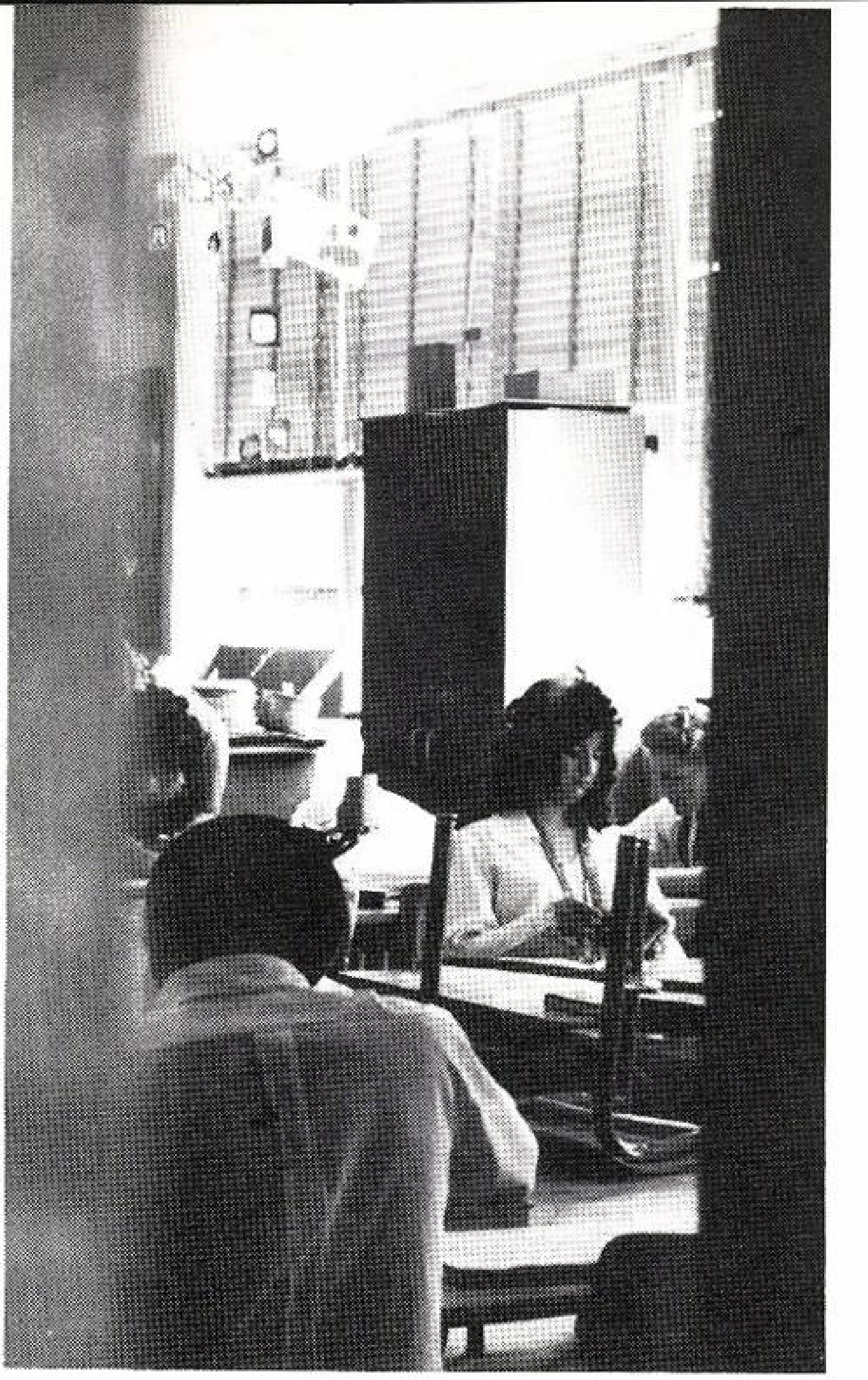


Question

Pasted in glaring letters on Fruita's main-hall bulletin board was a tart reminder that, "It's what you learn after you know it all that really counts." Sophisticated, aware of the worlds distant and near, Wildcats plunged into the disciplines of academics with an unsurpassed fervor.

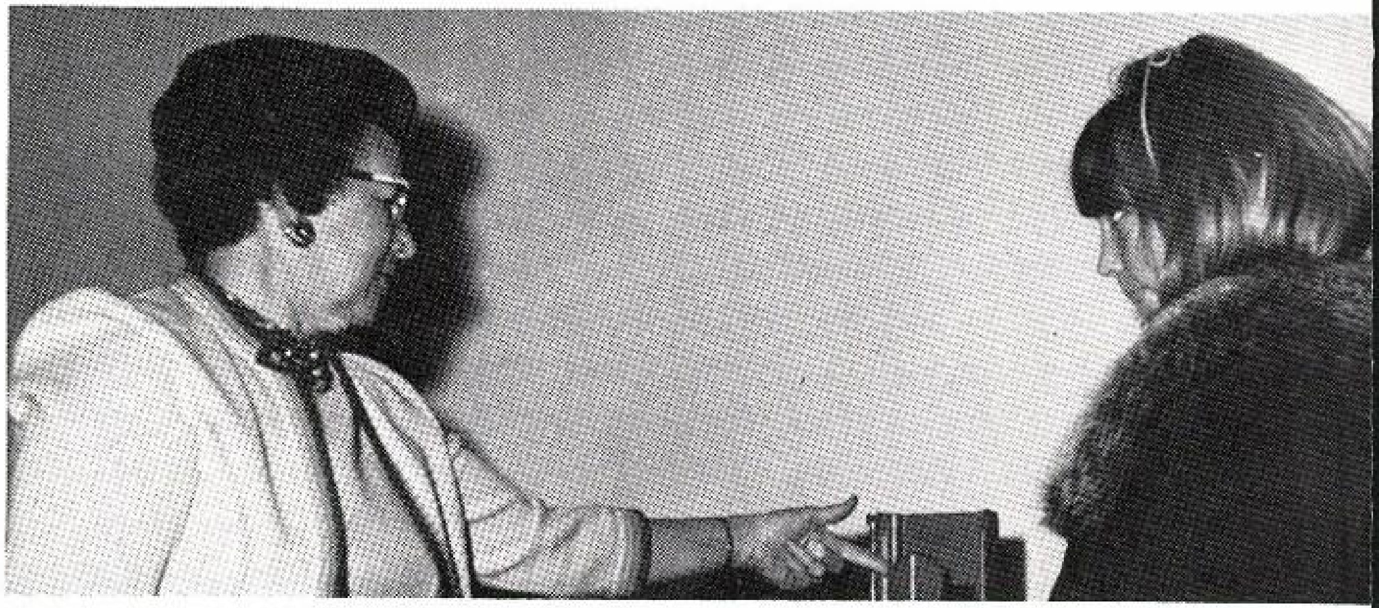
Discovery

Beyond the limits of Fruita's flexible, yet defined curriculum lay the opportunity for students to ponder, to dream, to pursue a question of intense concern. One of the best places for such personal discovery was the much-used library. Joann Jacquez and Mickey Bosshardt, right, take advantage of the study center.



Application

Academics did not mean being told; it meant being given a chance to find the truth. And many classes went to where the answers were. At right is Burlena Musselman at the Mesa County Teachers' Credit Union; below are Neta Young and Donna Puckett, along with Geri Brach and Burlena again.



Reaching for the stars was not an idle phrase tagged onto a sentimental daydream. In '69 man left his age-old stomping grounds to venture into the edge of outer space in a most dangerous adventure. Everywhere the frontiers were being pushed back as a quest for answers continued, and students at Fruita did not ignore the import or significance of their future roles. Vietnam, America's cities, polution — all made it impossible to pretend that the challenge was not great. Wildcats saw, too, that rewards for achievement would be astounding, so they set out toward the highest mountains in sight.

Nianza Green and JoAnn Barbee, left, were with the Business Law class when the group took a field trip to several Grand Junction trade spots. Stopping here at the First National Bank, the girls received a detailed account of how the vault works. Curious, the Wildcat pair asked about the combination, but their host didn't hear the question. At top are biology instructor Mr. Tom Rieniets keeping a near-solitary vigil with Gale Valencia, busy with a make-up exam. Although academic offerings were plentiful, expansion was planned.

Honor Rolls Reflected Wildcat Tenacity

Graduates Nailed Coveted Scholarships

One of the most inspiring finishing touches in a long year of highlights was the lengthy list of graduates receiving scholarships and grants to institutions of higher learning. For twenty minutes Class of '69 grads tramped to the podium one-by-one to pick up the goodies. Aided by a corps of expert counsellors — Mr. Charles Everett, Miss Marilyn Wallace and Mr. Arnold Hayes — seniors applied for and got some of the juiciest fruit on the vine. A high academic trend was evident in lower classes, too, in a year when an invitation to join National Honor Society was not a topic of ridicule.

Mike Rich and Doug Bennetts
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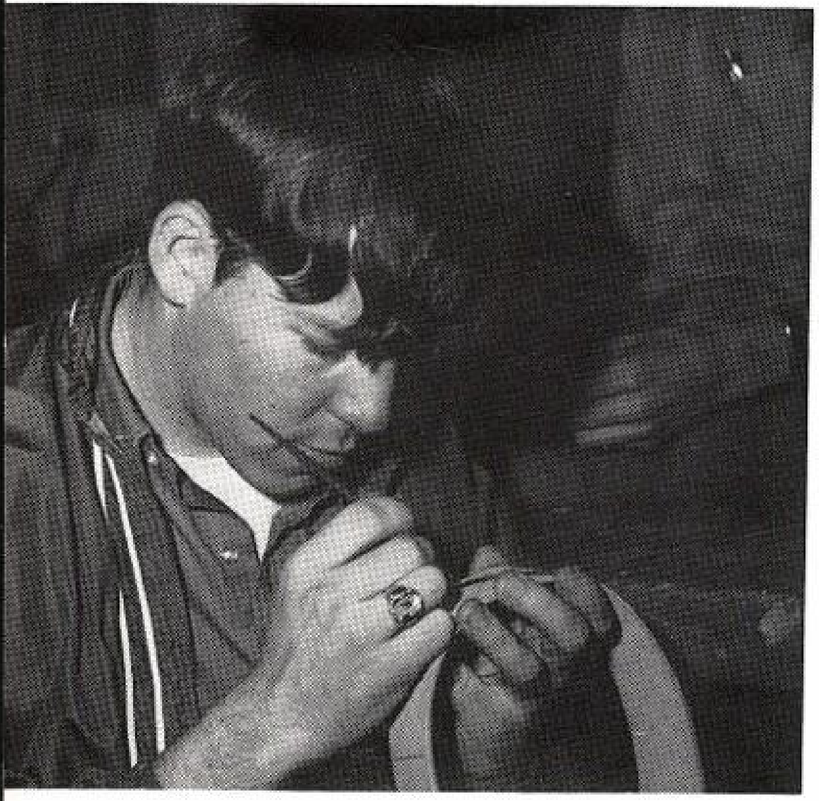
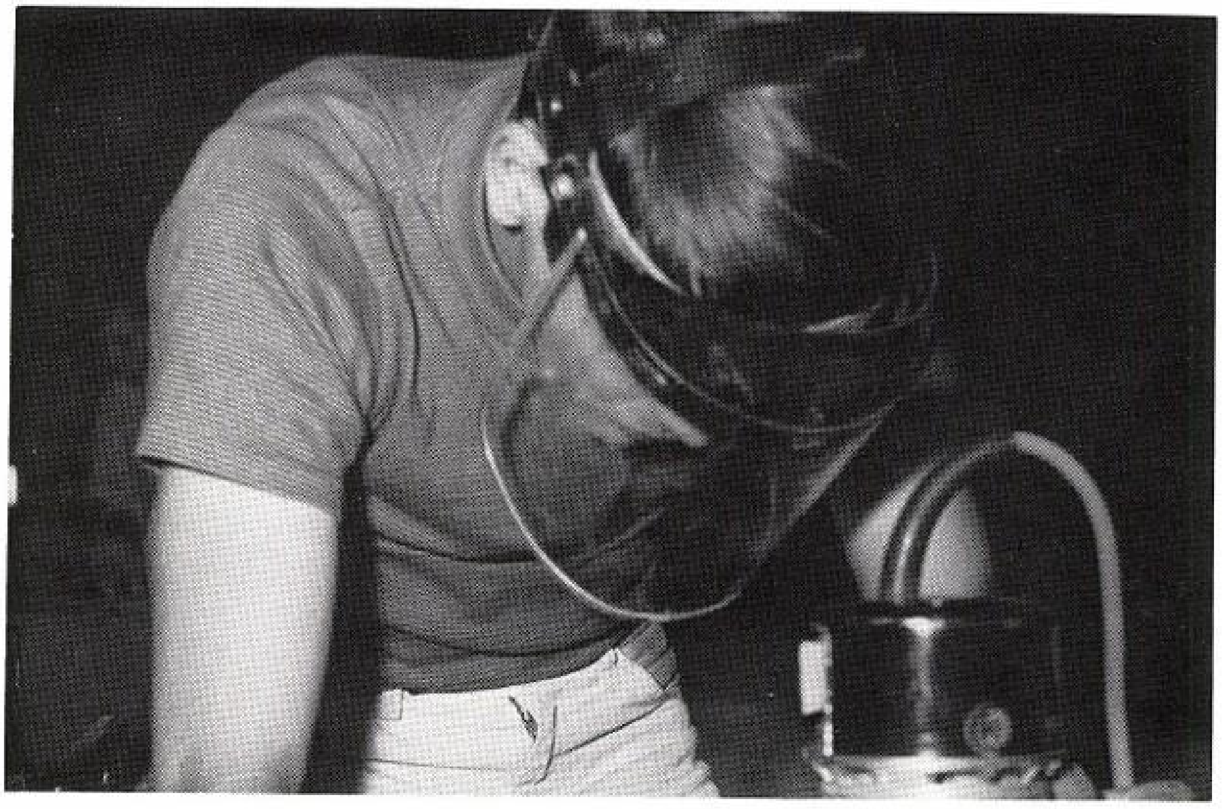
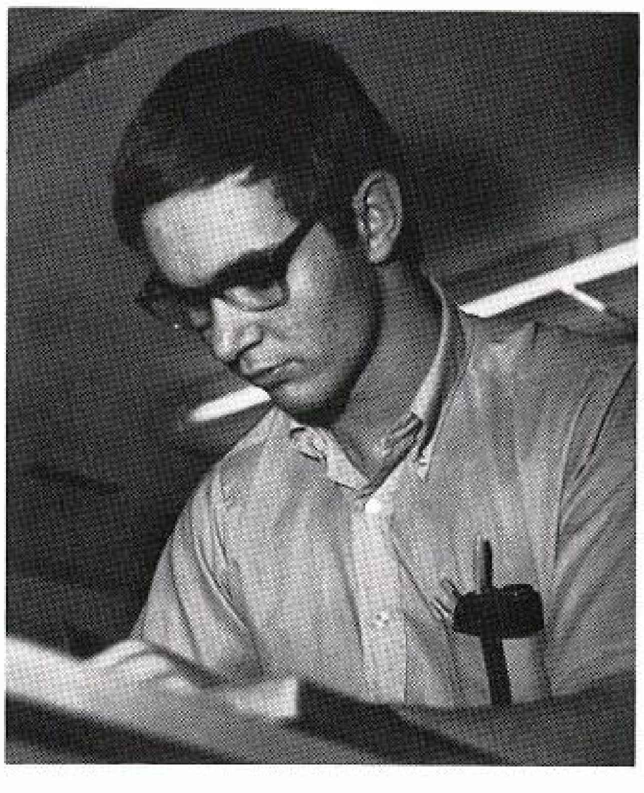
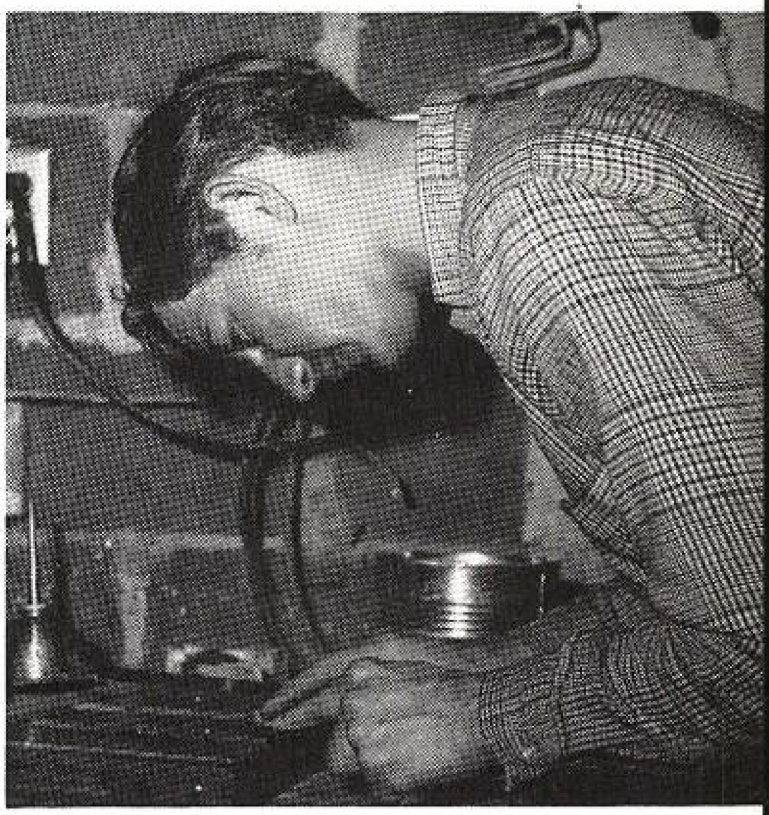


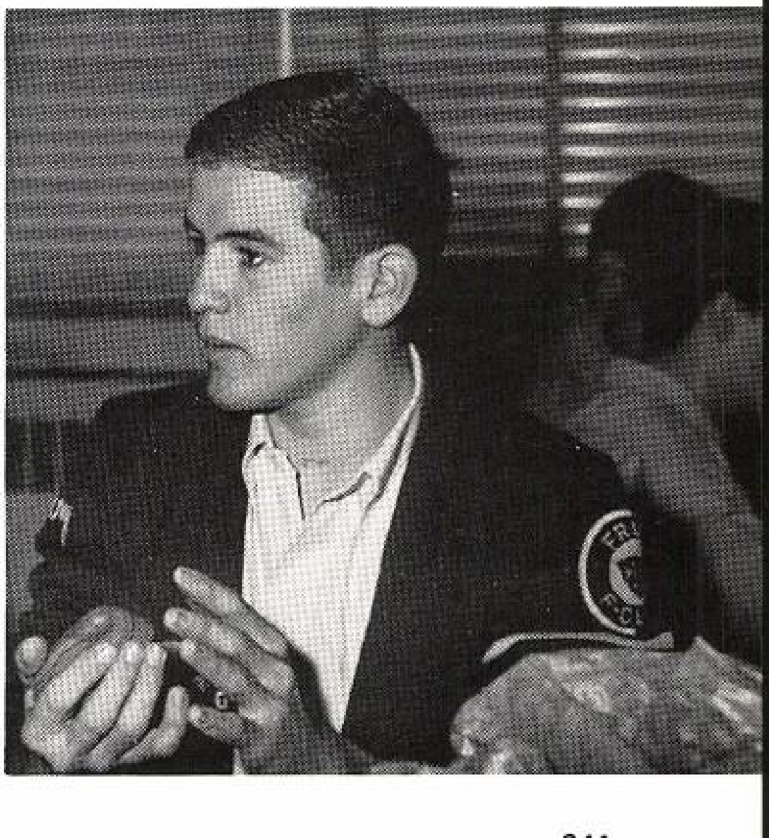




Rosabell Sanchez, left, delicately molds a clay work during her session in Mr. Patrick Veerkamp's art class. Among all aspects of academics which seemed most meaningful in '69, the opportunity for self-expression proved to be highly attractive.

Many were the outlets for seeking self, finding self, understanding self. Wildcats told the world how they felt in music, in art, in poetry, in sculpture and in dress. Below are Phillip Serve and Larry Reed, involved. Fruita was proud of its educational offerings in '69, proud of its experienced and highly professional faculty which did not insist on being continually and inexorably RIGHT. Scholastically, '69 was a good year of achievement, growth and success.





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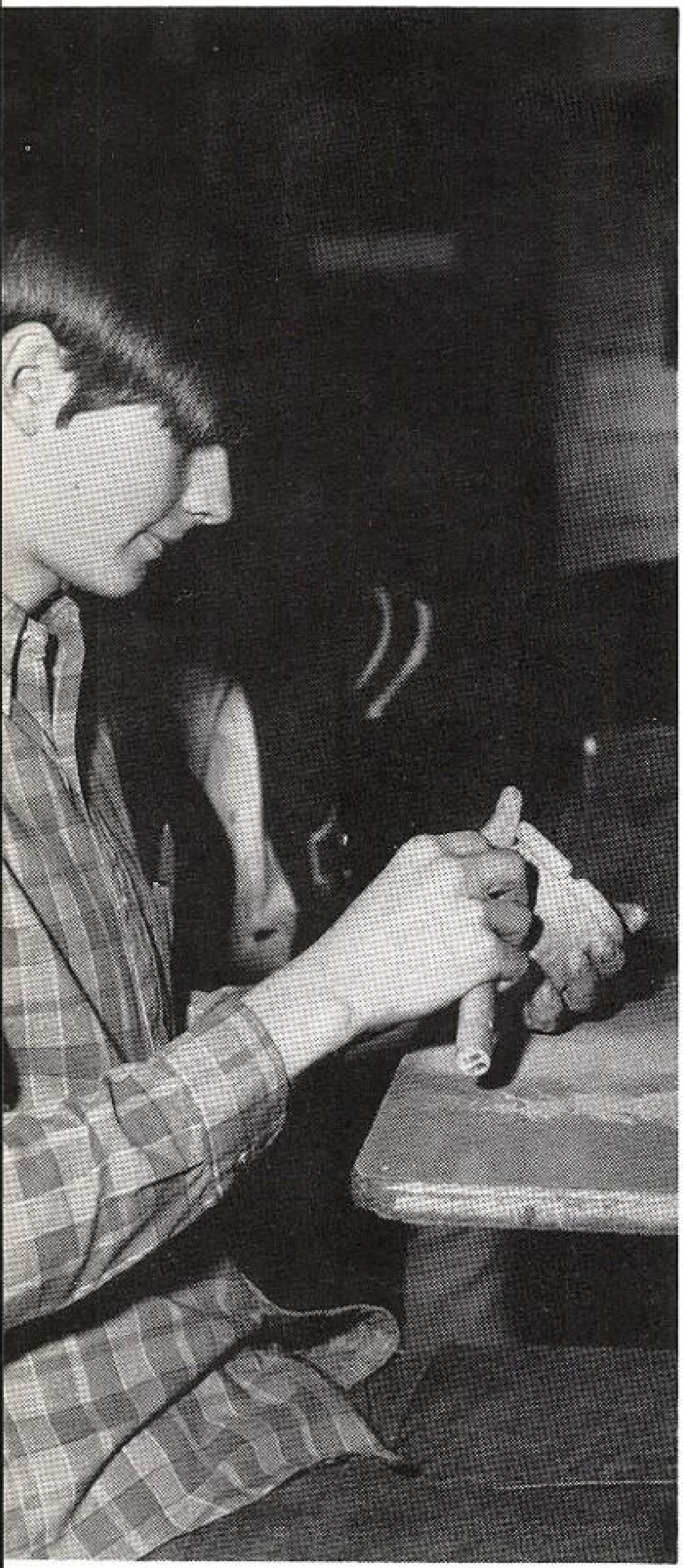
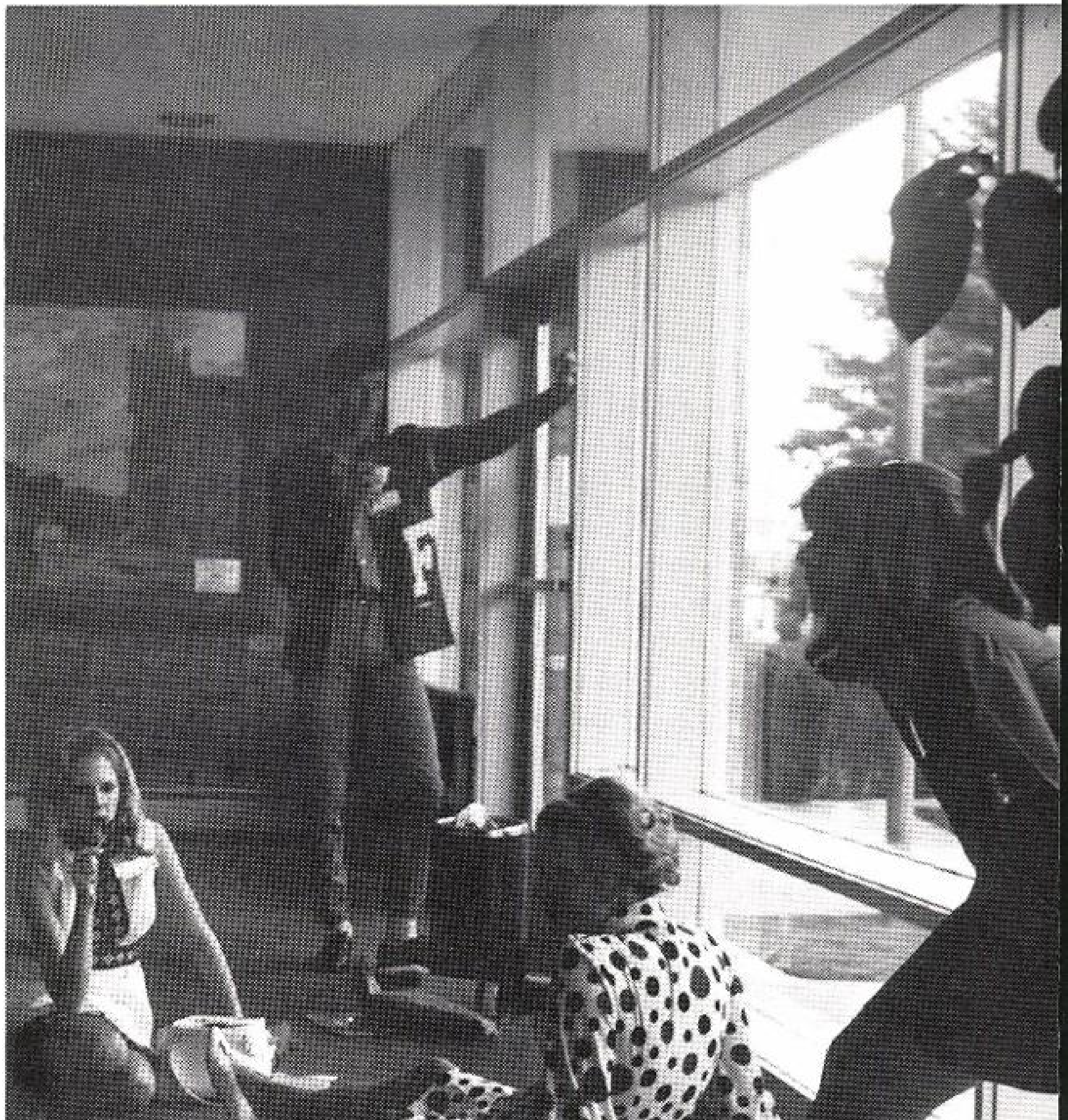
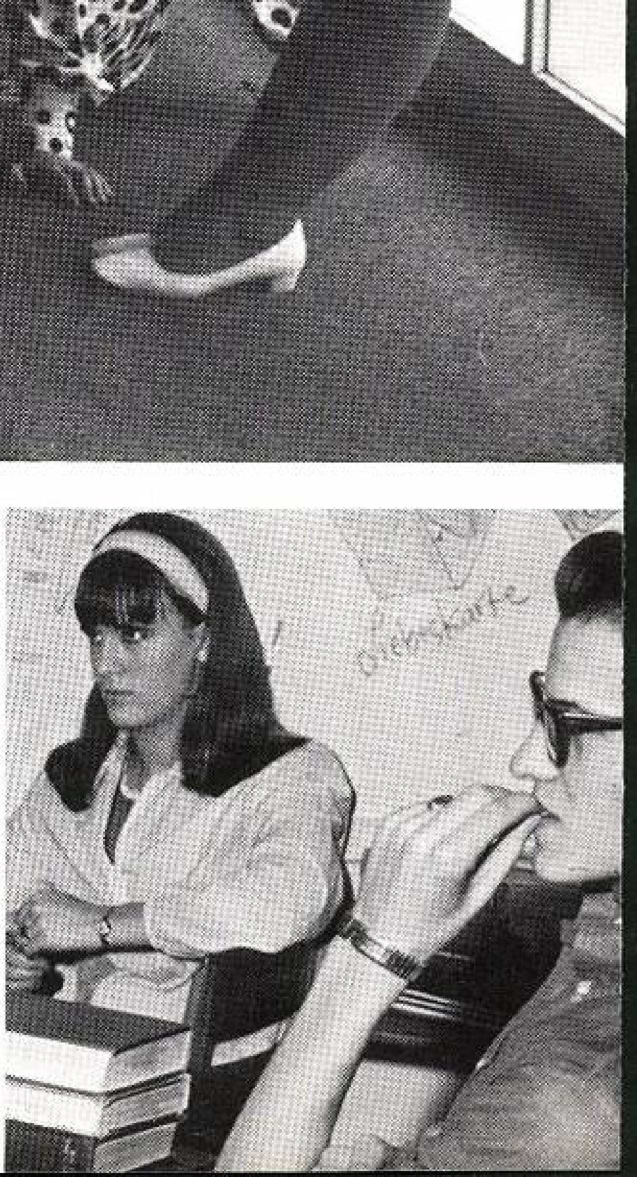




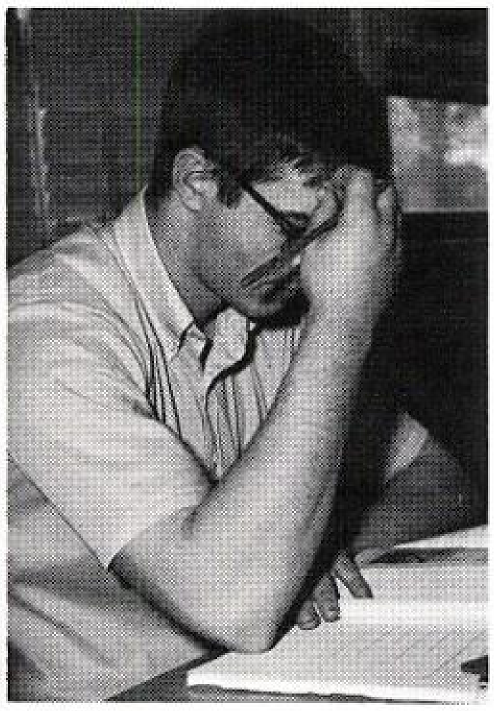
Striving to discover more about himself, Tim Arpke, above, molds a concrete expression of inner feelings. Jackie Huskey, Duane Kiefer, Judy LaMar and Sheila Sewell participated in Government Day.

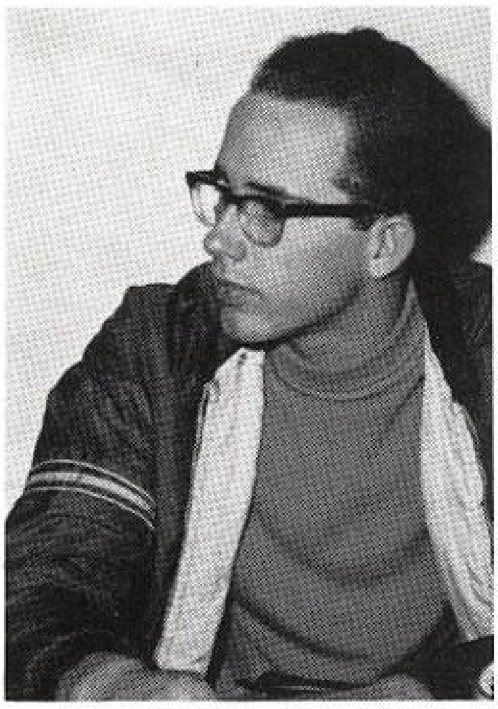
Sandra Bender and Roger White sit in on a Teenage Republicans meeting where plans were made to attend the state confab in Denver. Fruita went to many a happening.



Fruita To New York, Chicago, 'Cats Made The Scene

Allowed On-the-Spot Learning

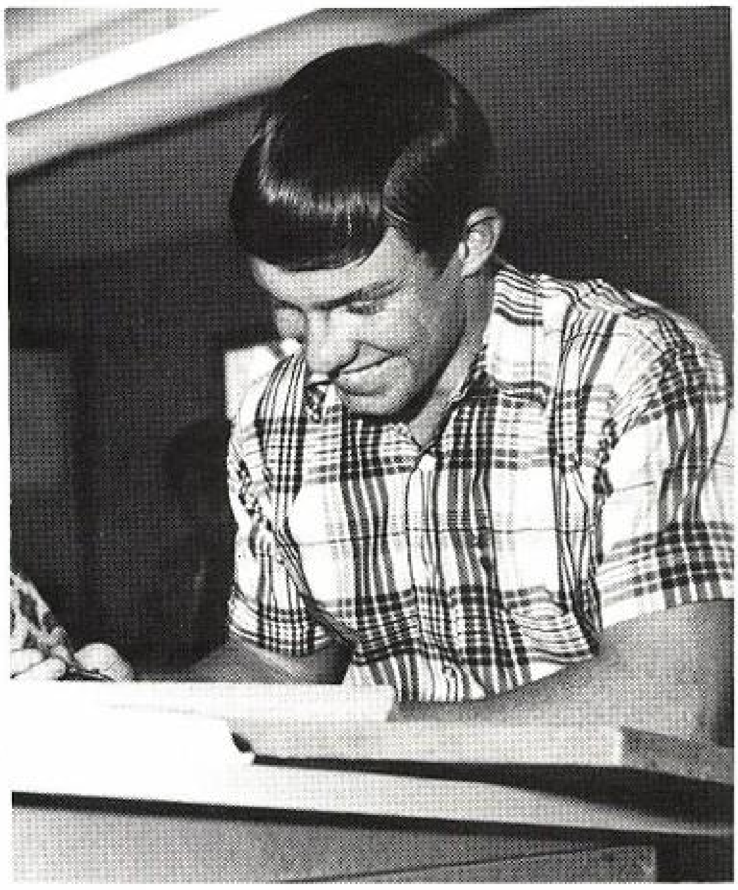




Crawford Clement
Mrs. Dolores Moyer
Tom Gibson

Renita Boothe and Bonnie Martin catch their wind after a rapid-paced tour of Grand Junction city facilities including courtrooms, the jail, firestation and other service groups. Renita and Bonnie were learning about municipal government.

Wherever a learning experience occurred and whenever it was physically or financially possible, Fruita took to the road. American government classes went to Grand Junction for City-County Day; business law classes toured airport facilities, banks, and other businesses. Mr. Omer Burenheide's agriculture and Future Farmer devotees caught the National Western Livestock Show in Denver. Janet Siddens, JoAdair Welch and Sharlyn Allen bussed to New York for a United Nations seminar and Gaylene Garlitz and Donna Dickerson traveled to Chicago for the NSPA annual meeting.



Bill Niehues mulls over architectural plans for a house. Mechanical drawing students first conceived plans for a complete house, then they built scale models of the houses, complete with shrubs.

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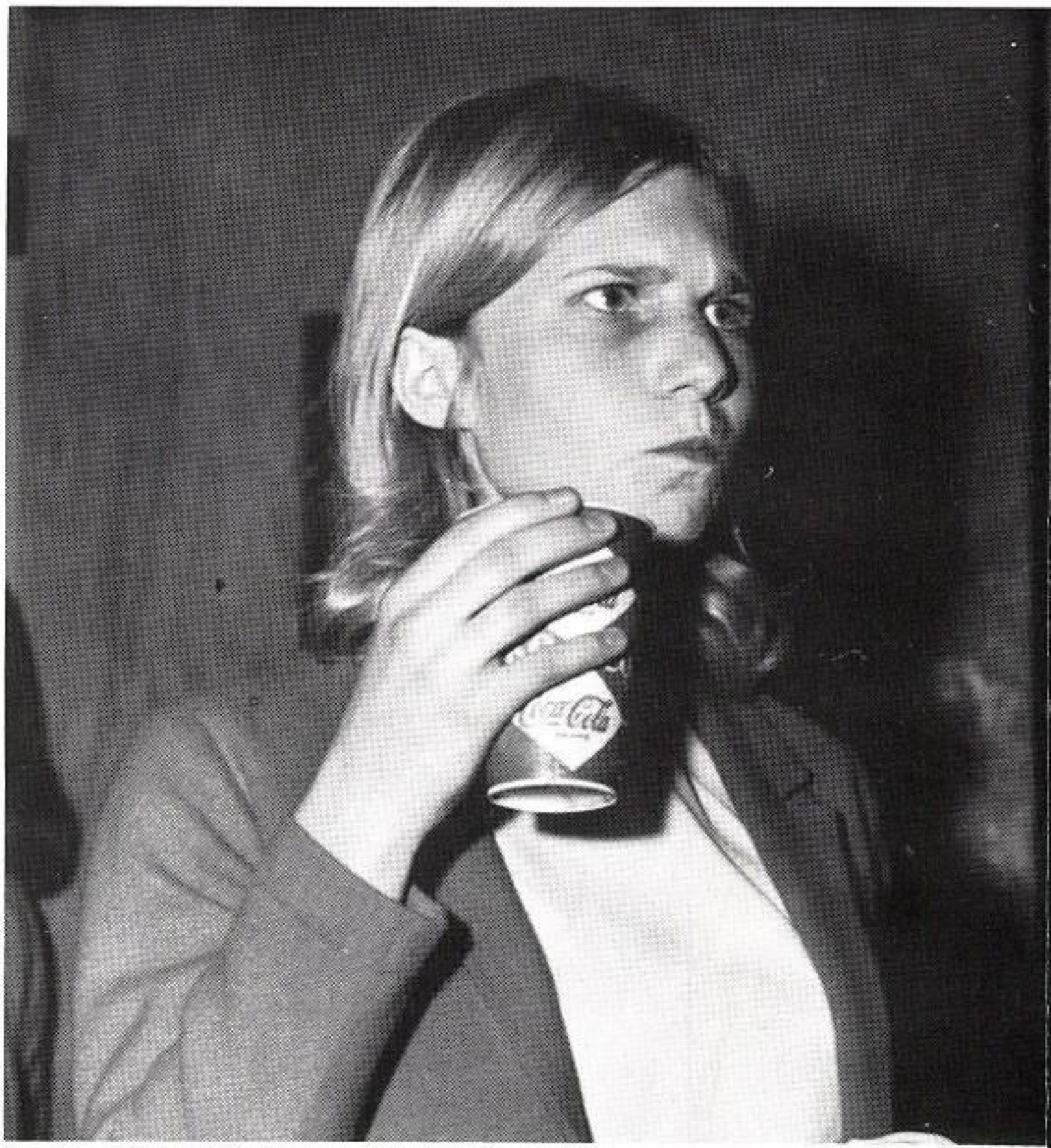

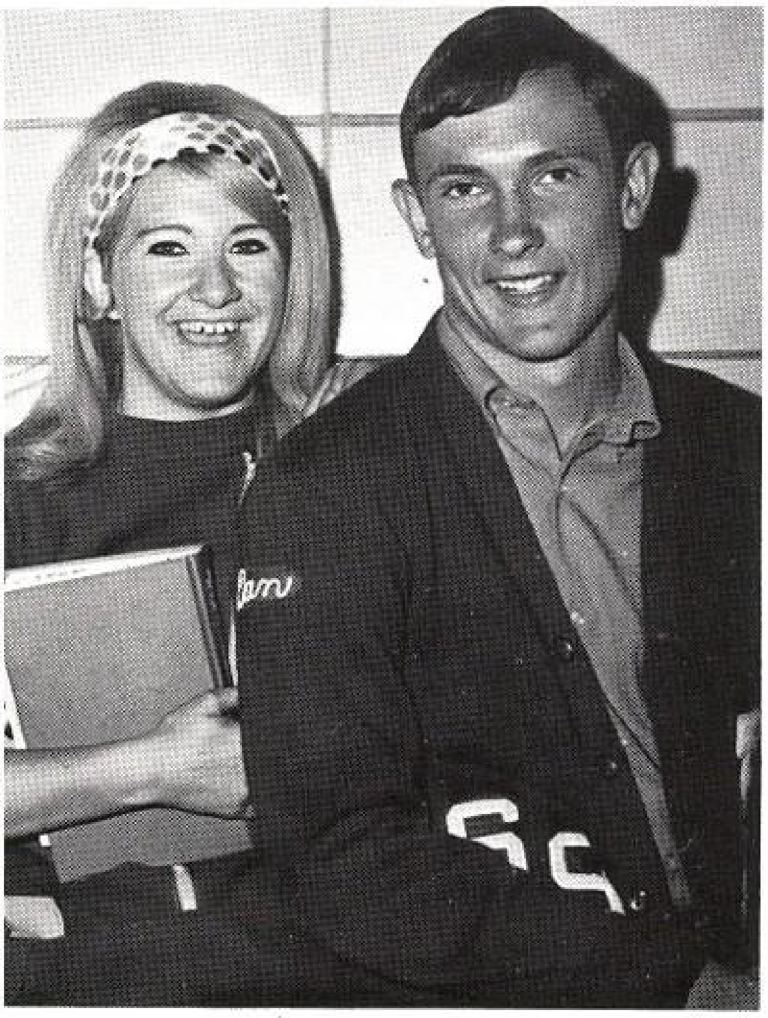

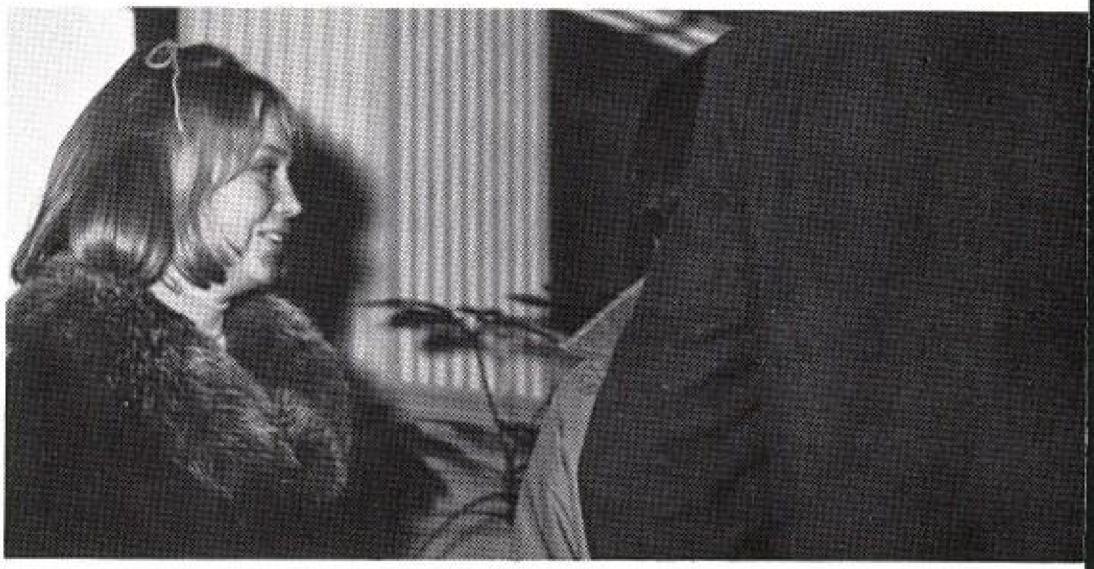

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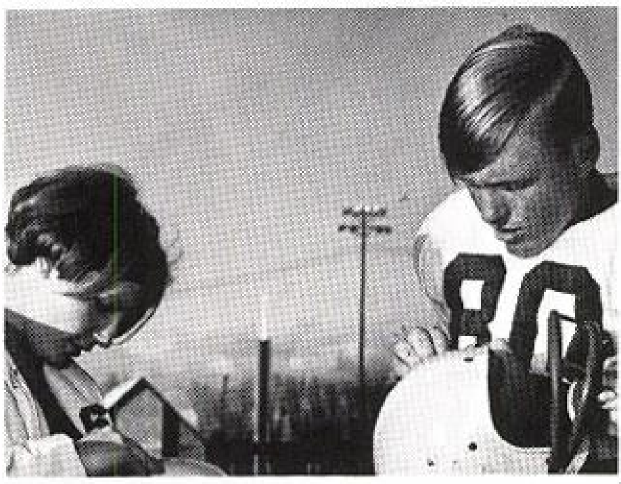

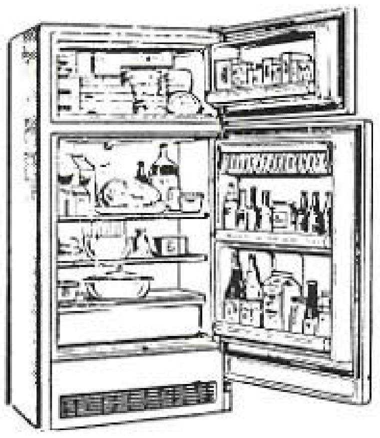

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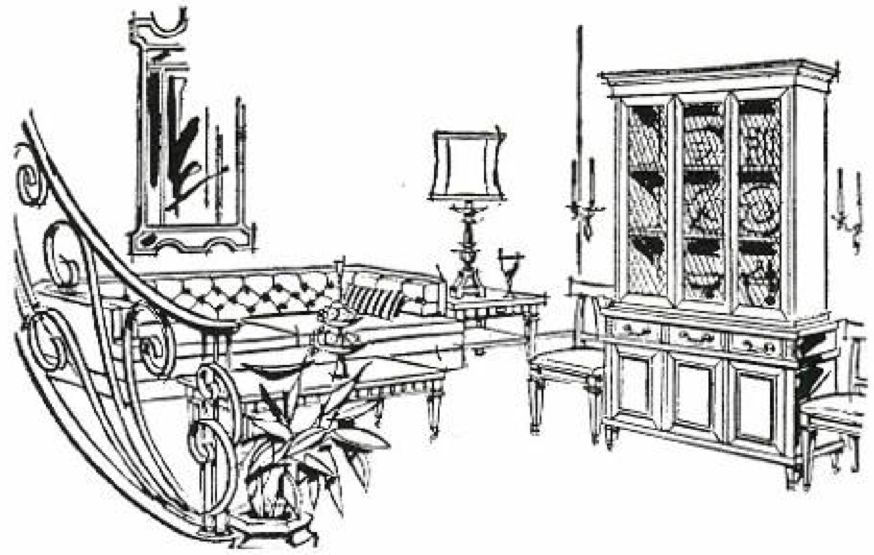

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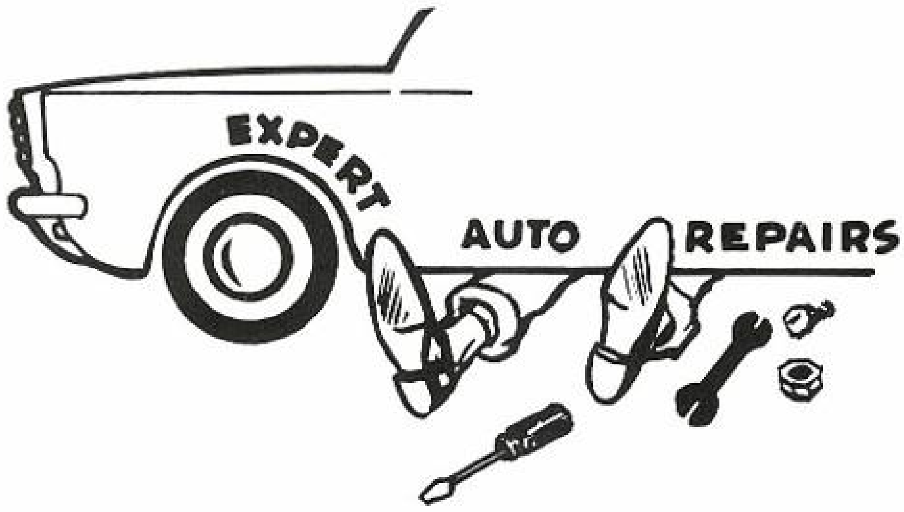

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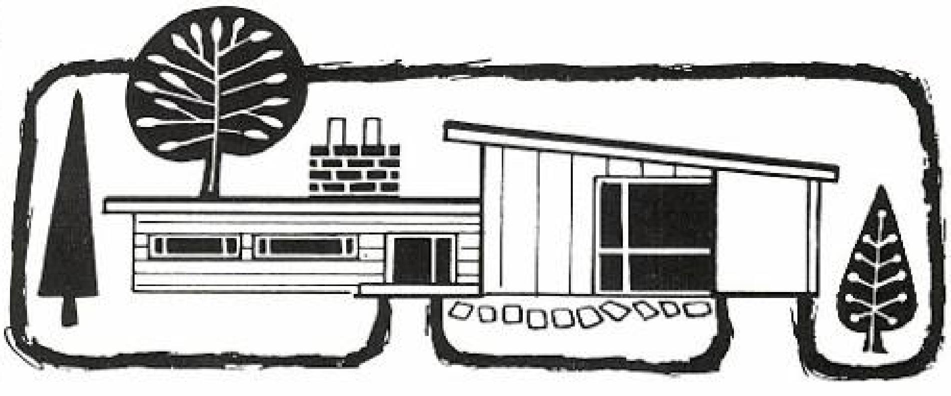

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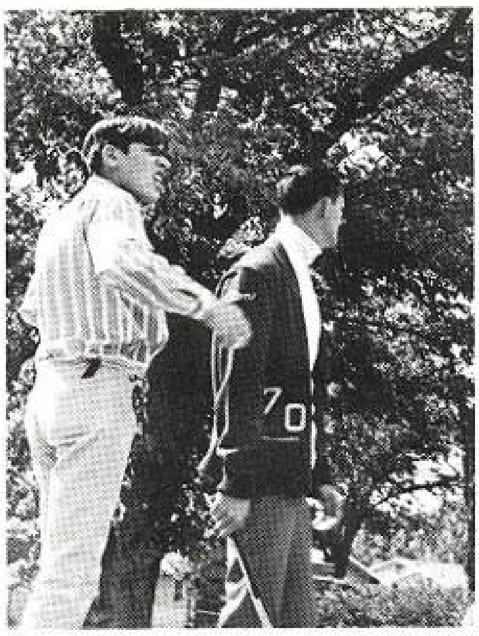

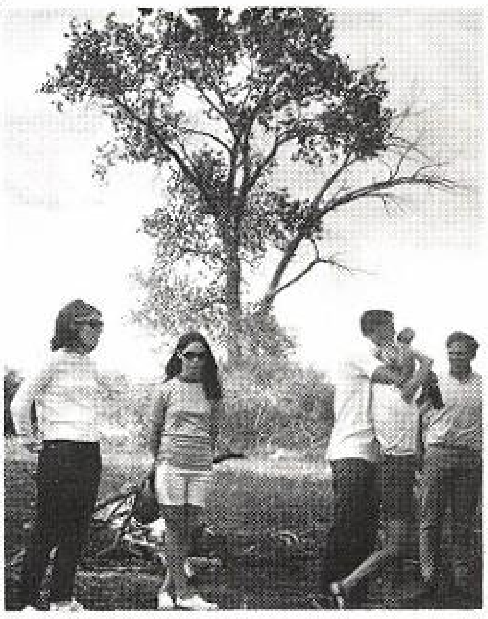

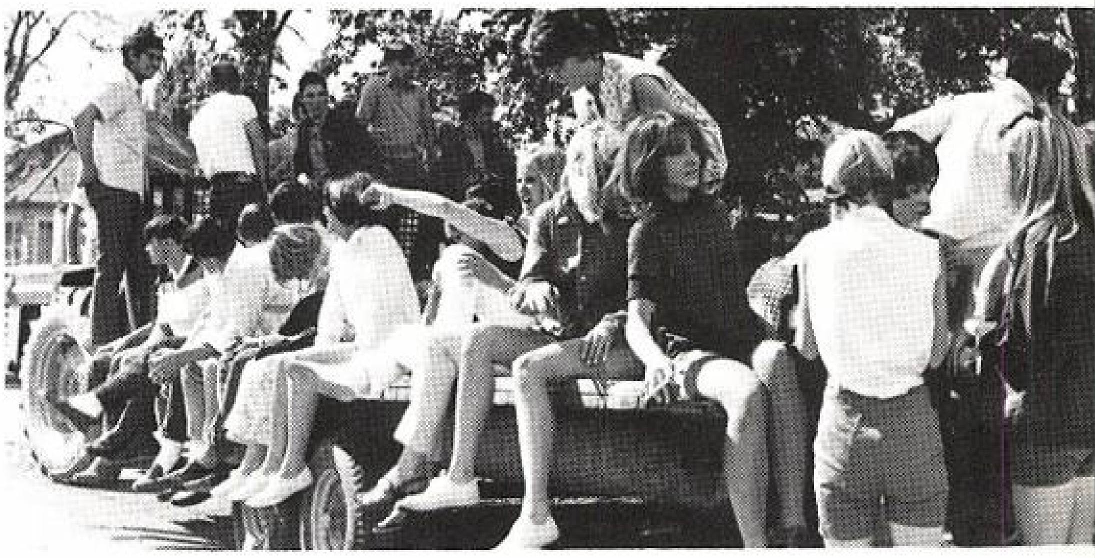

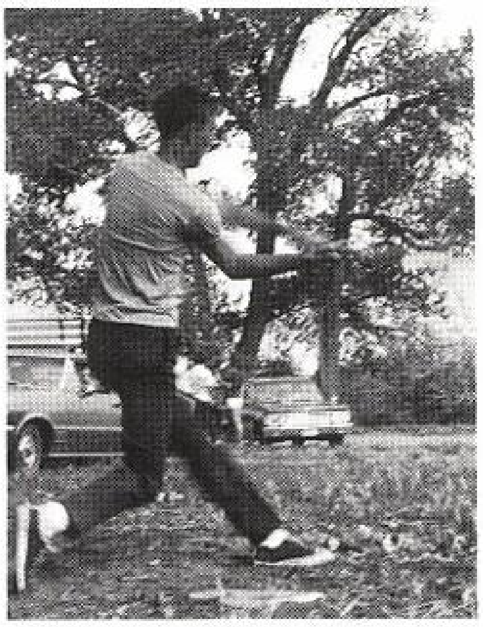

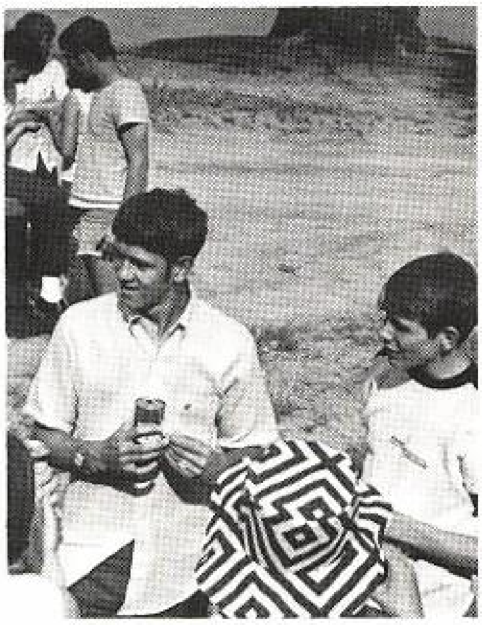

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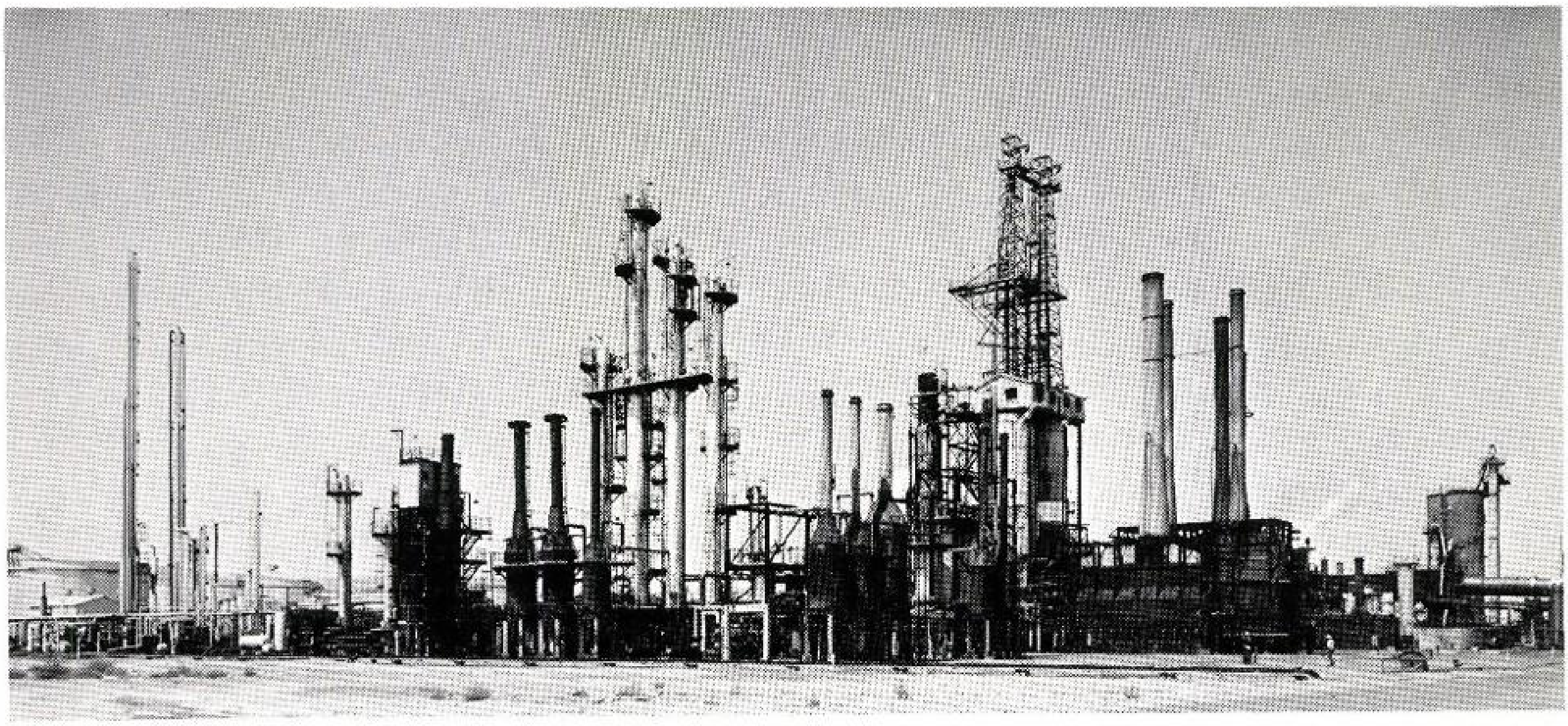

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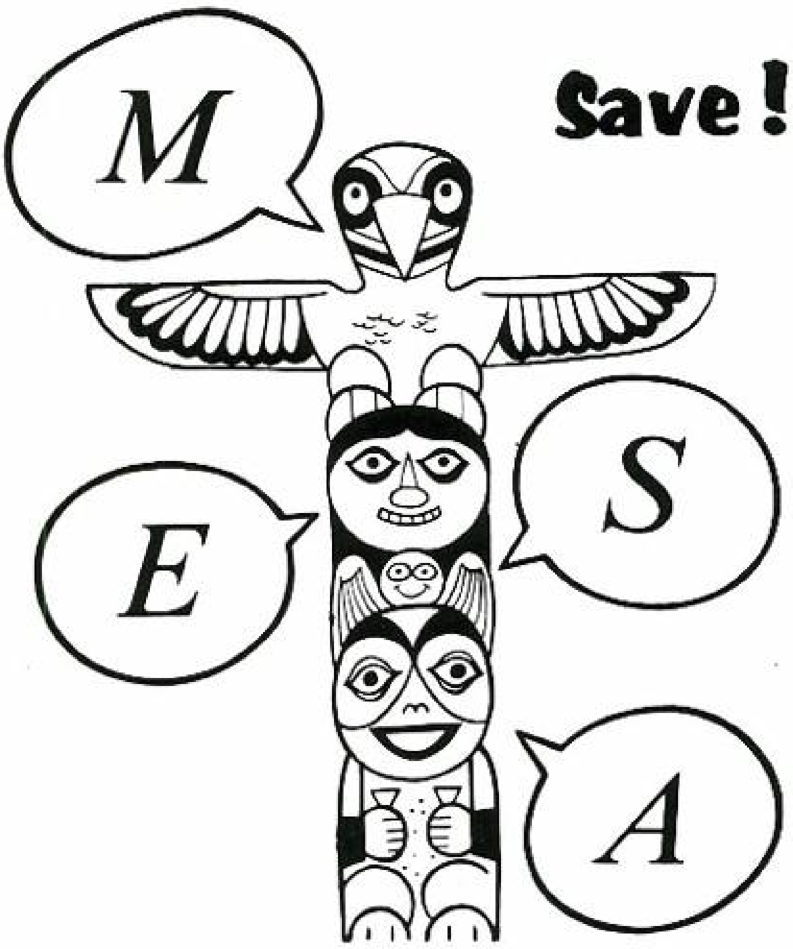

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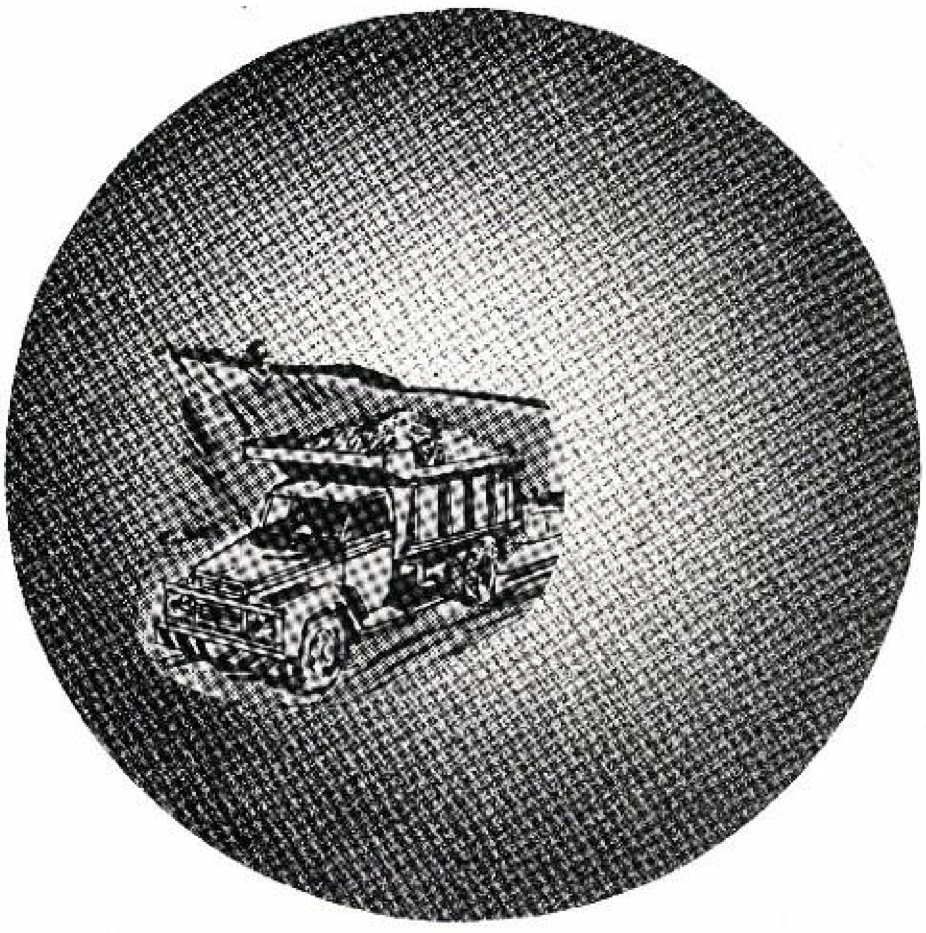

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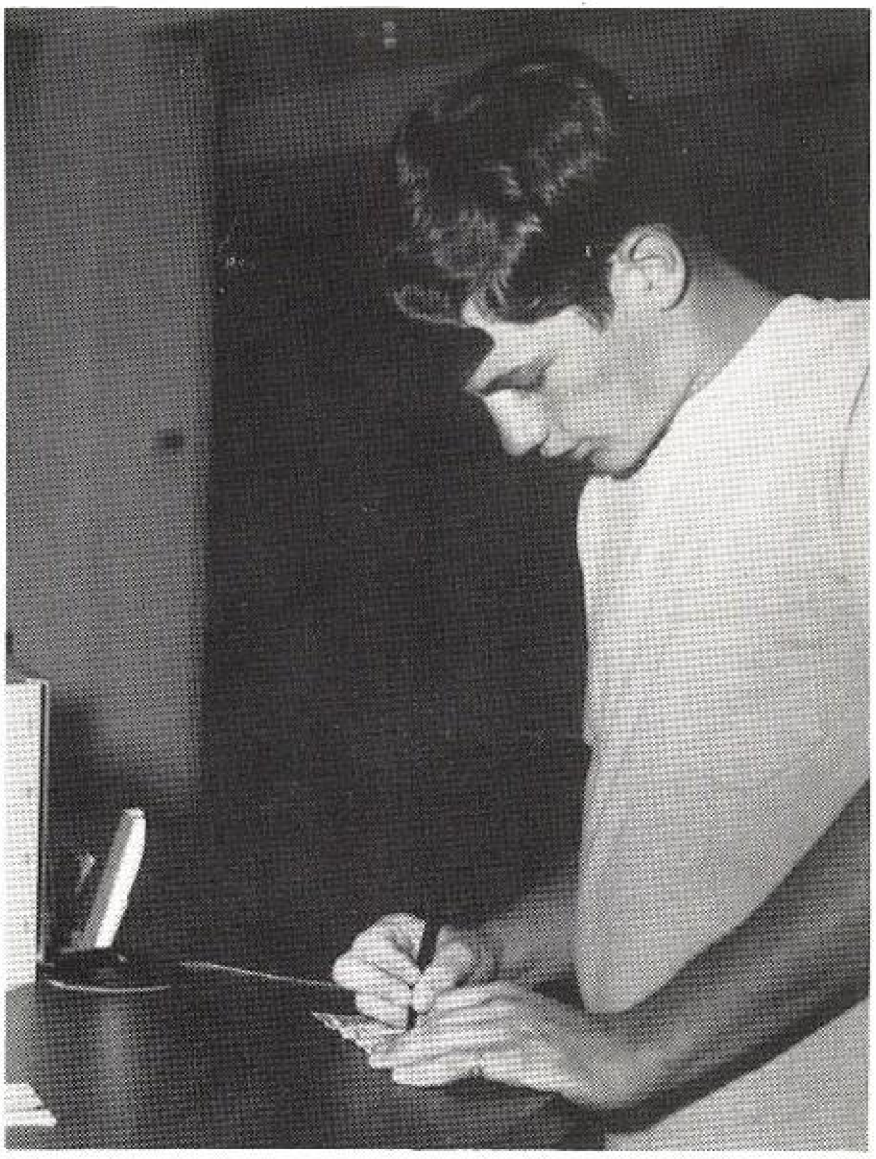
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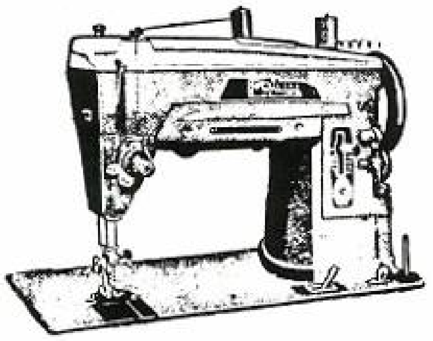

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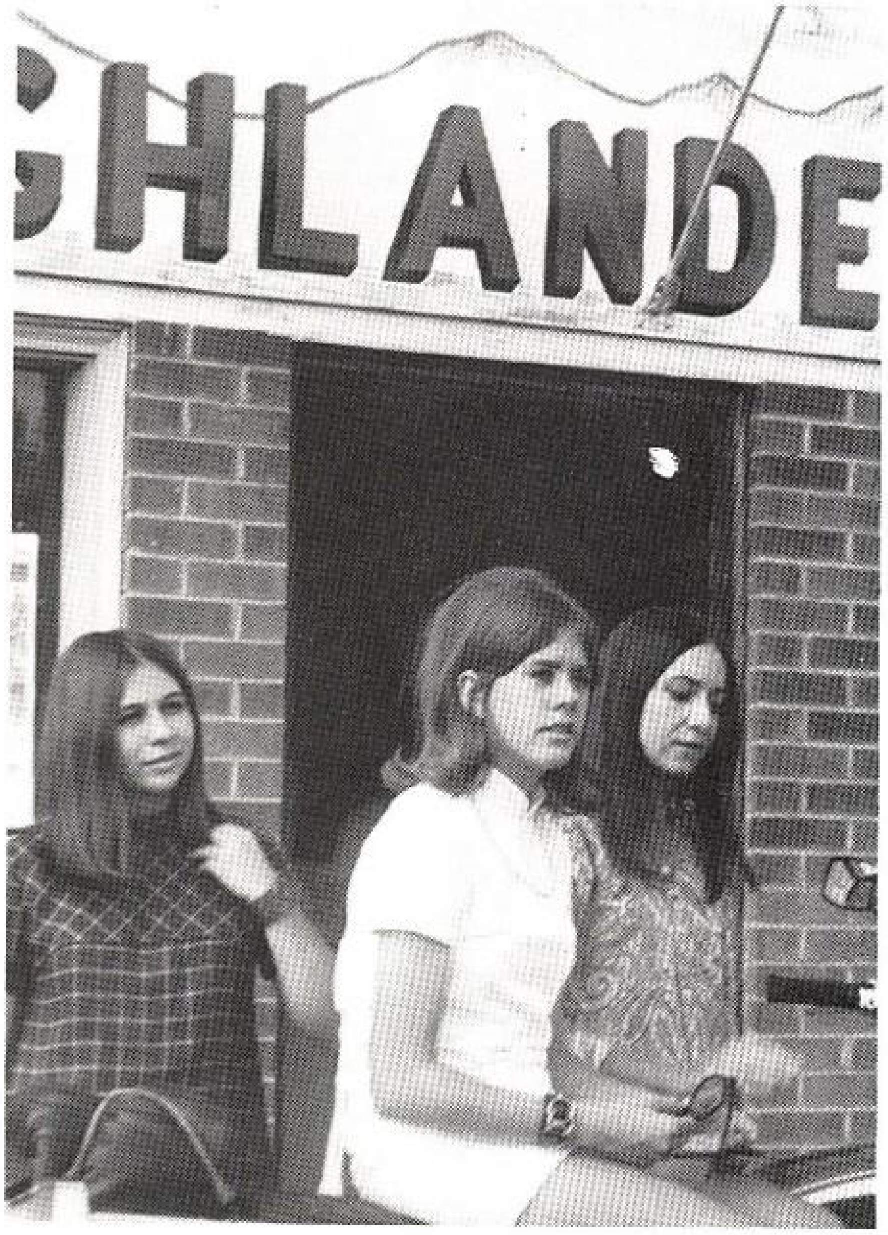

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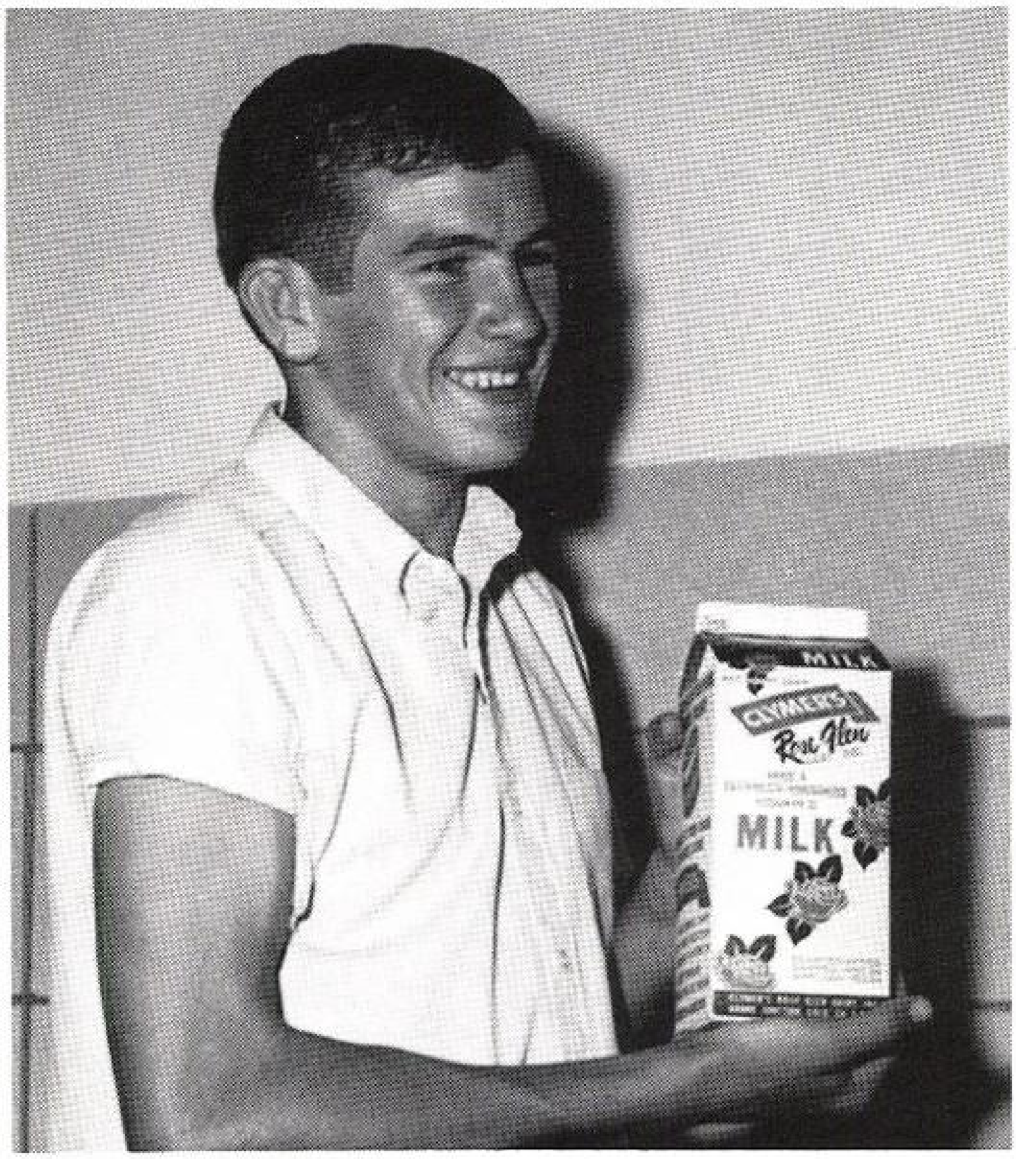

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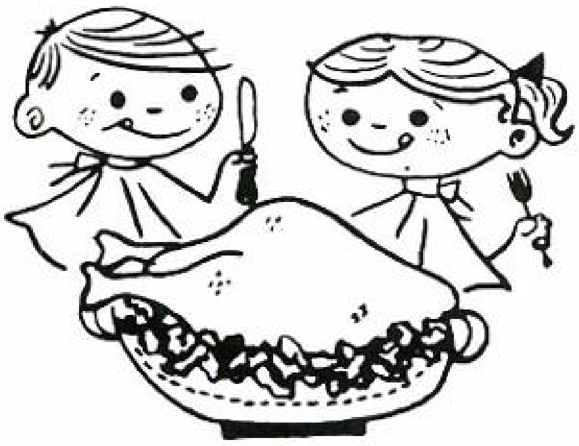

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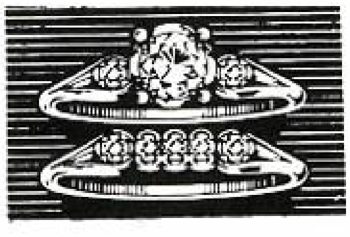

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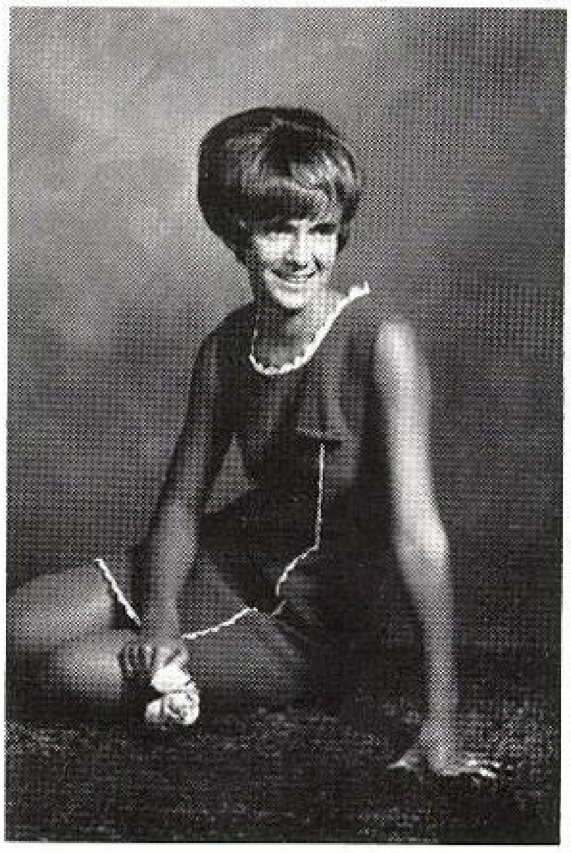

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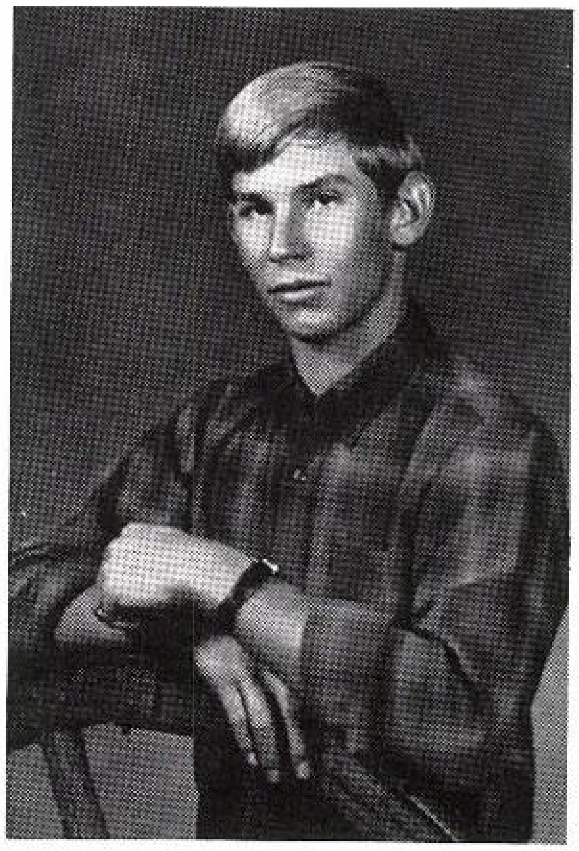

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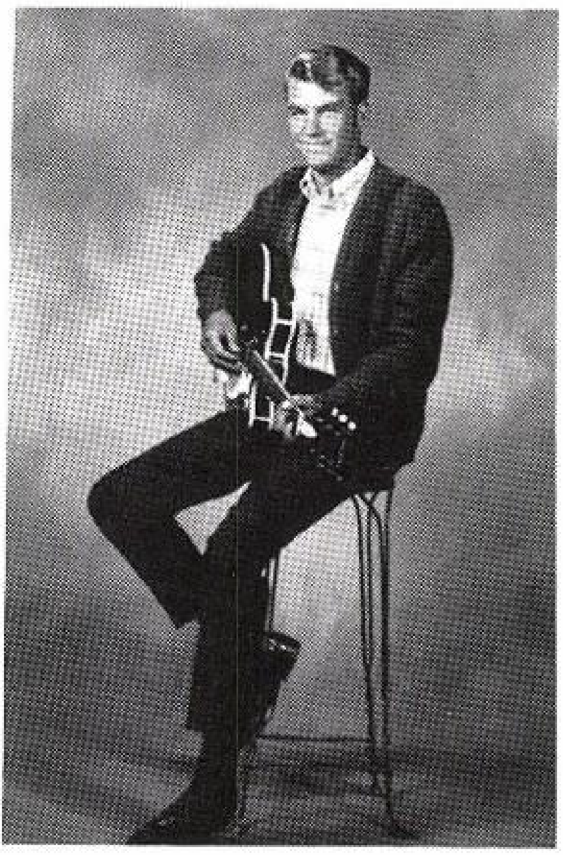

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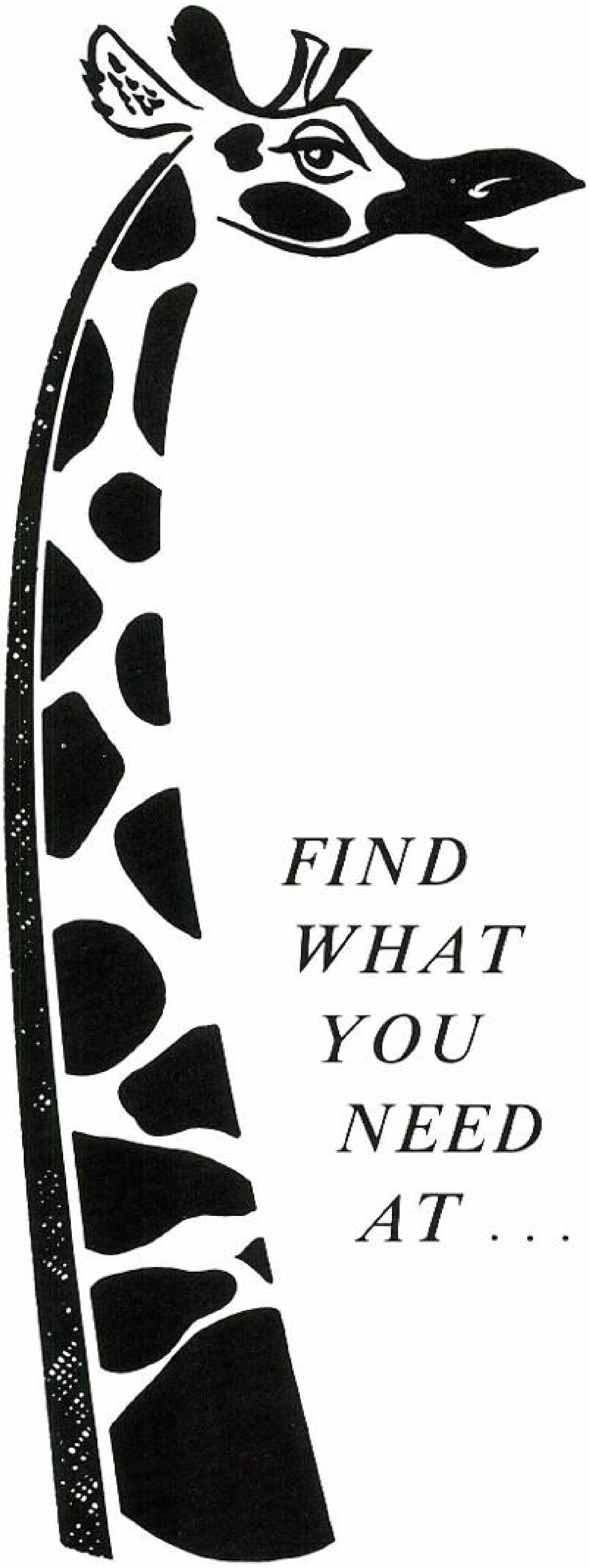

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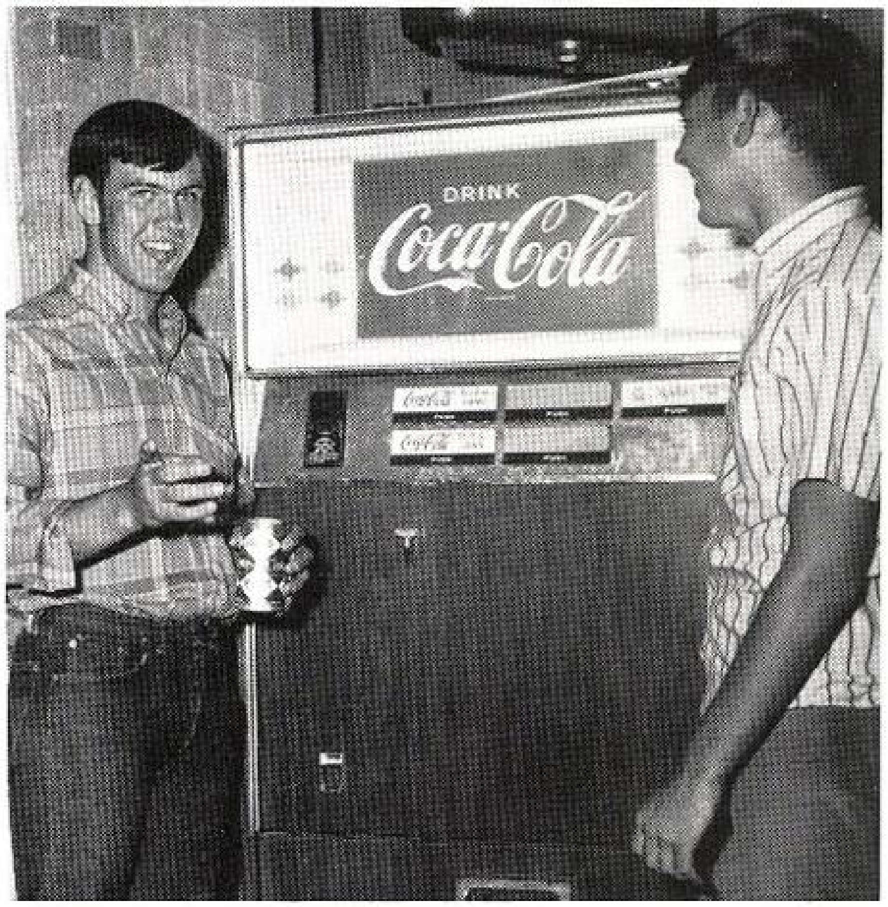

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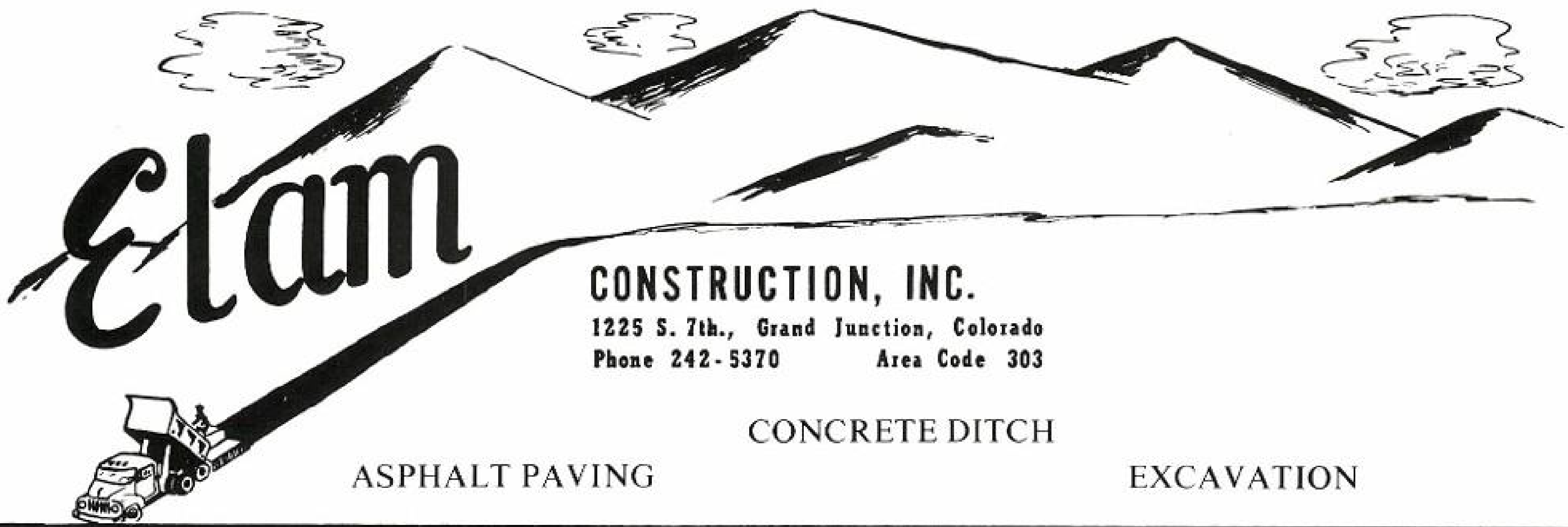

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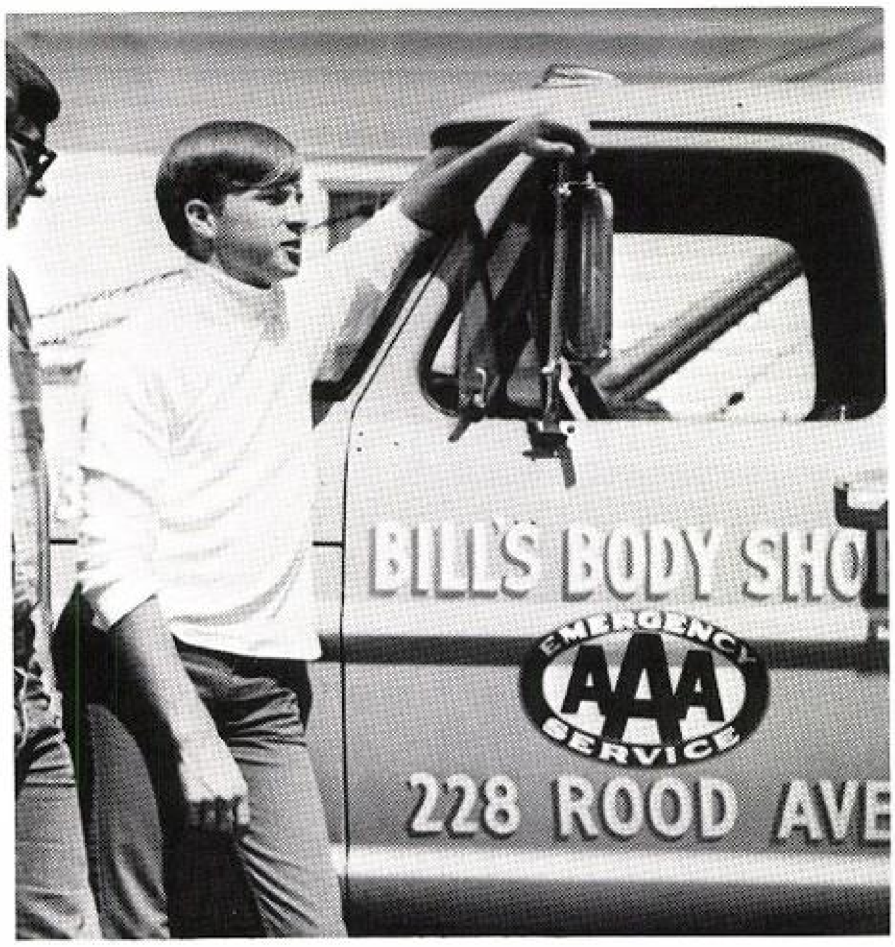
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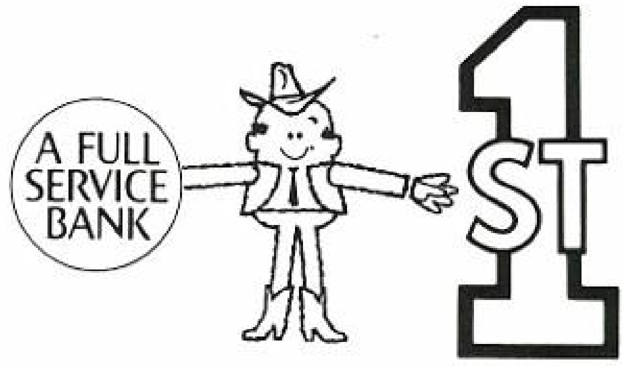

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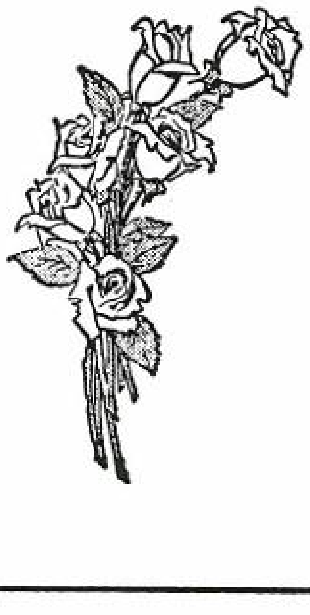

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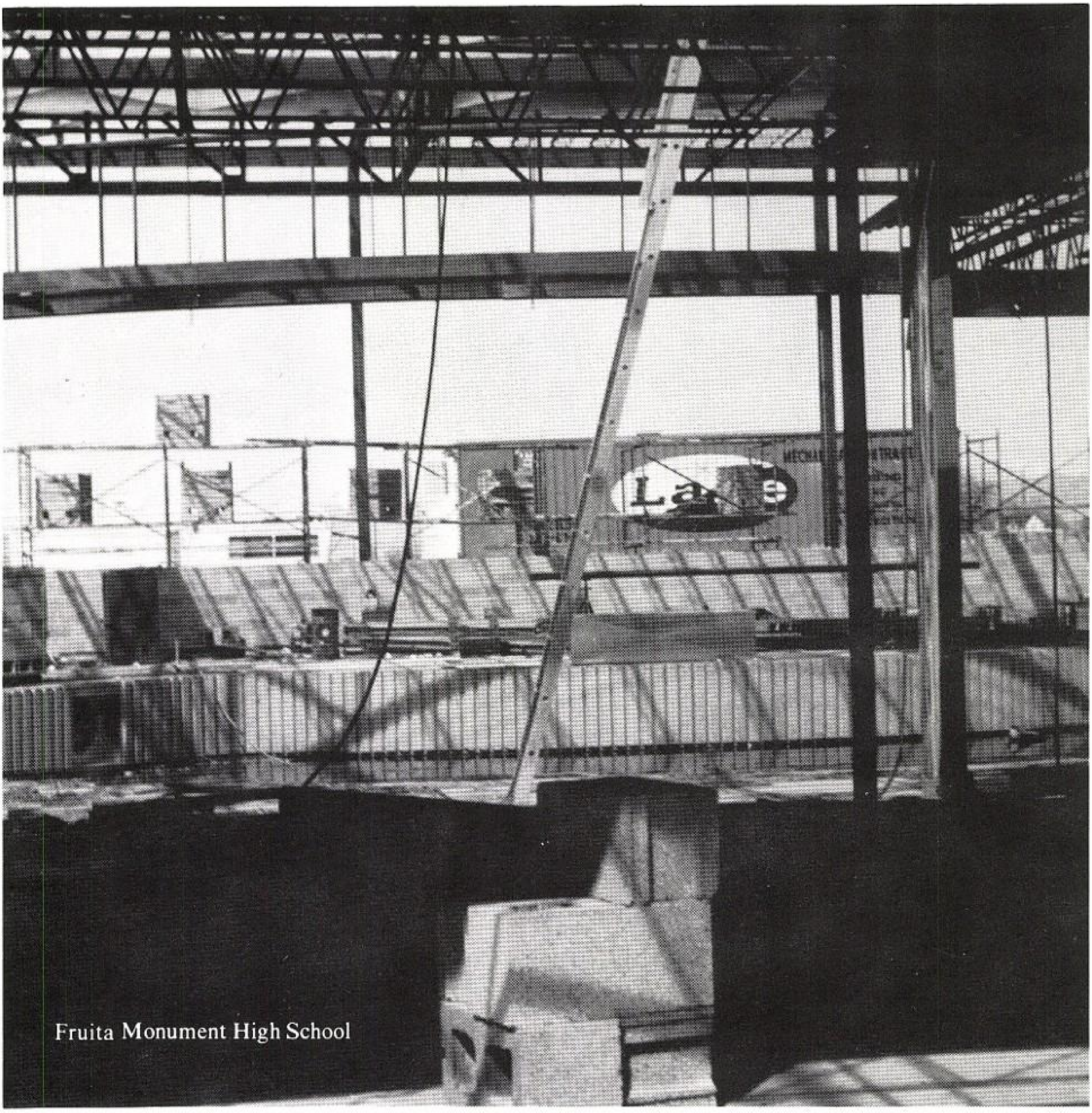
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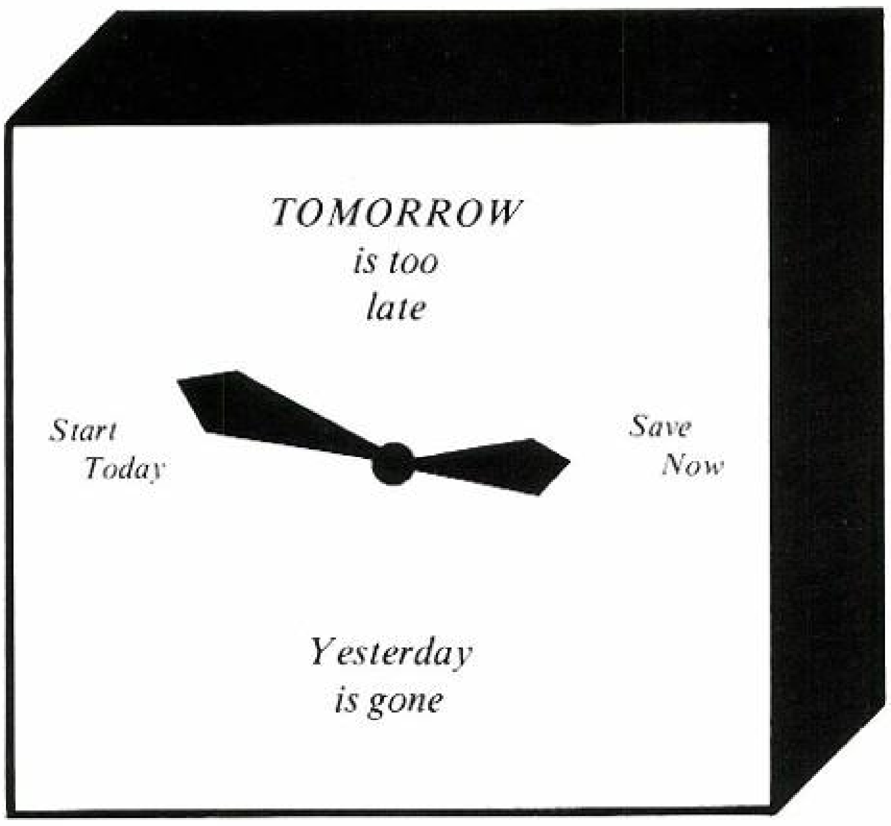
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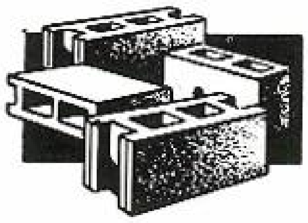

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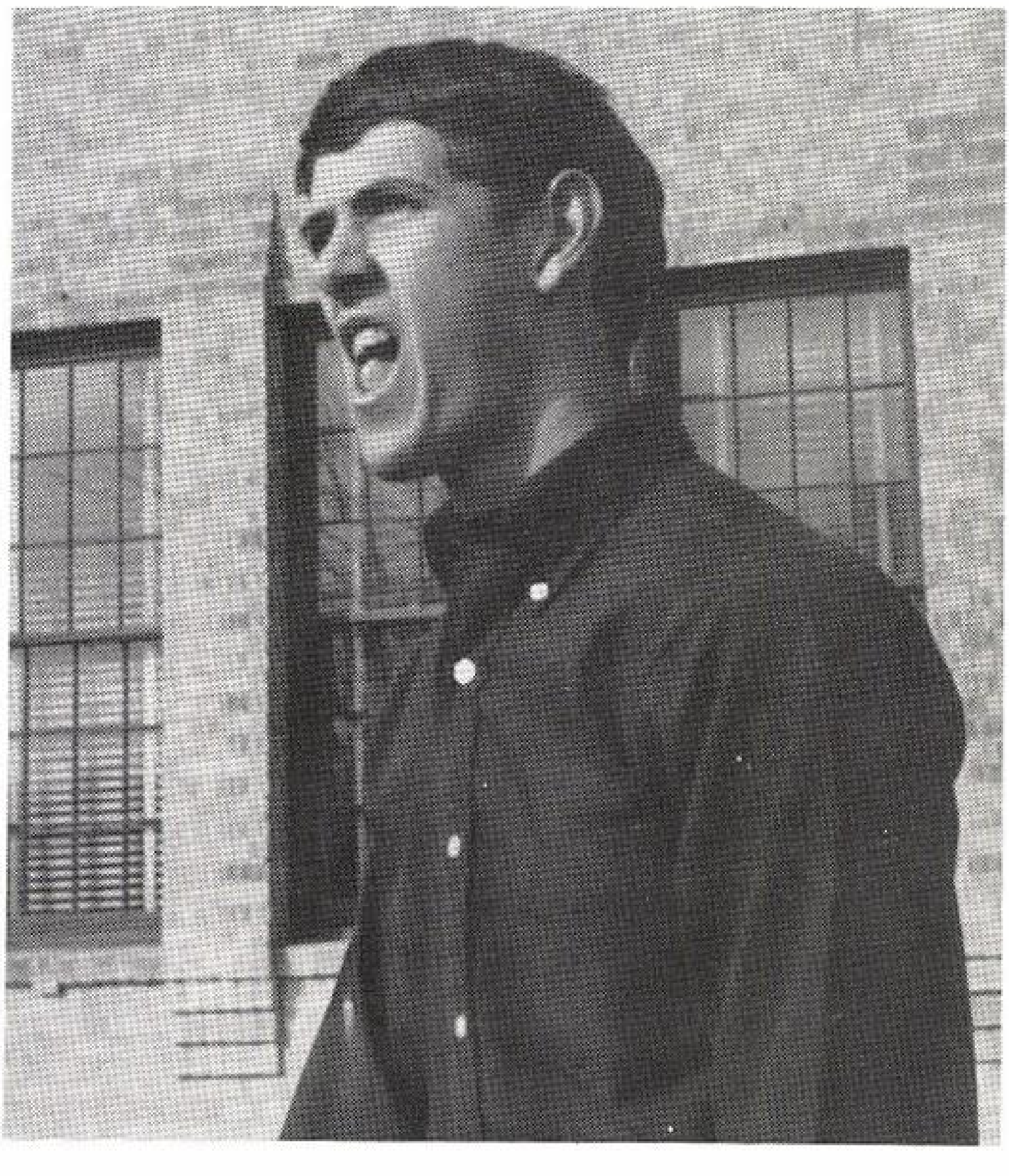

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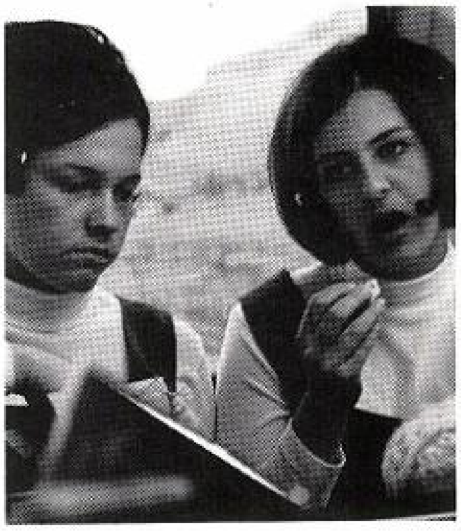

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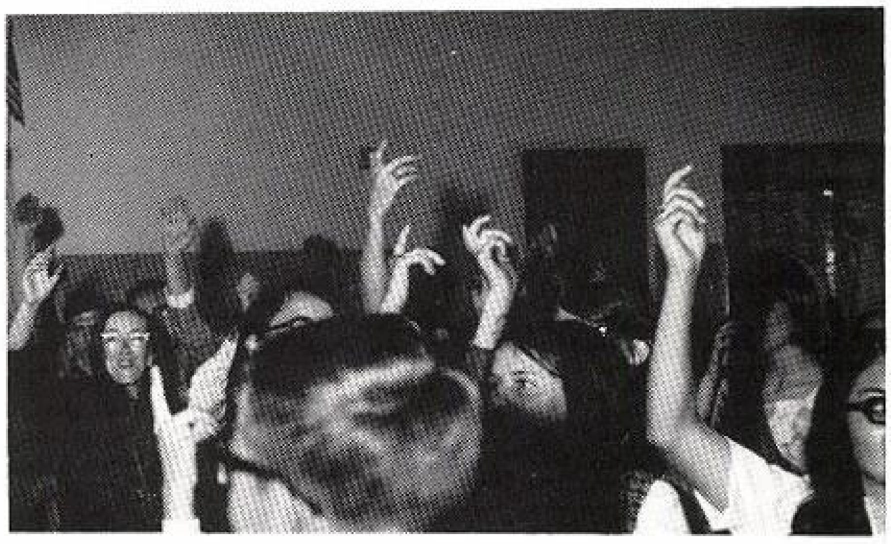

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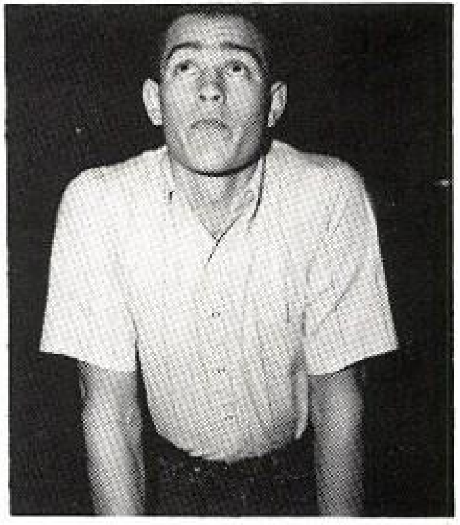

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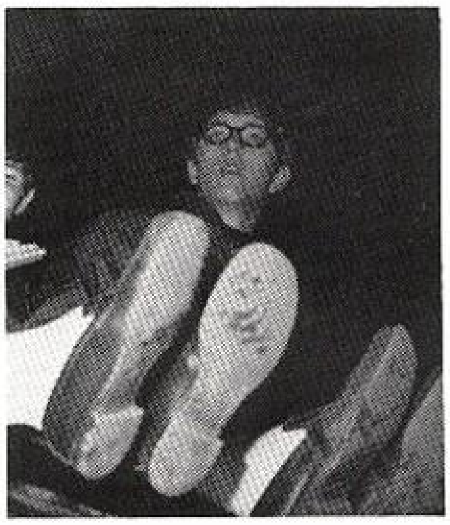

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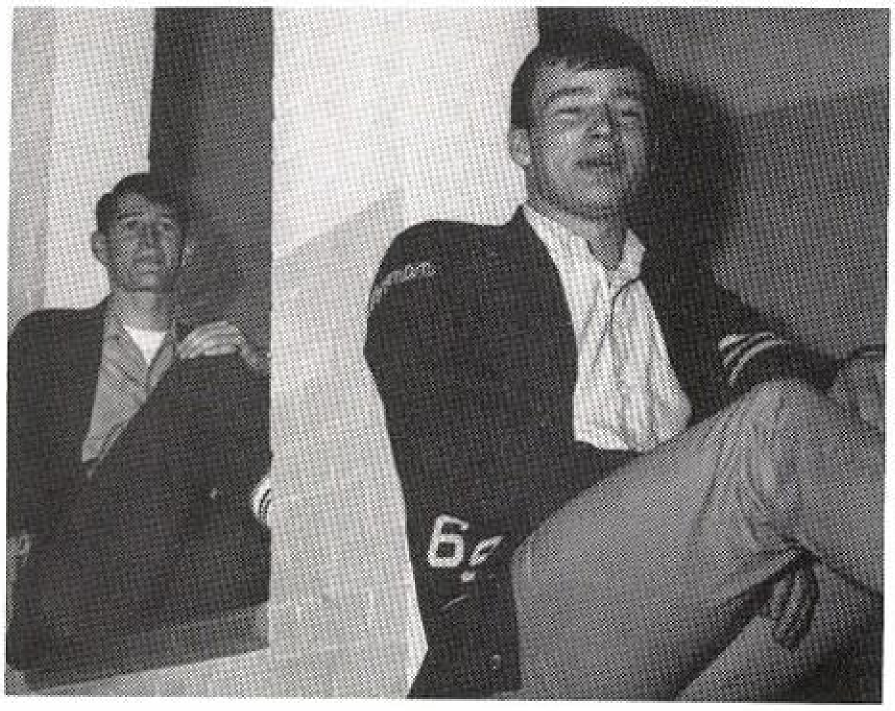

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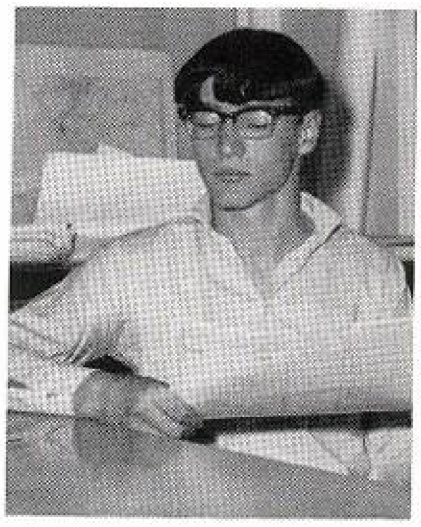

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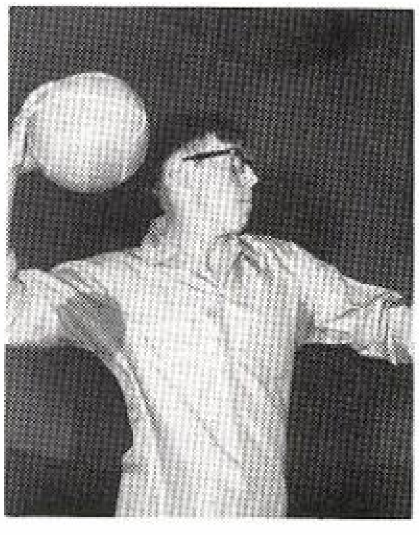

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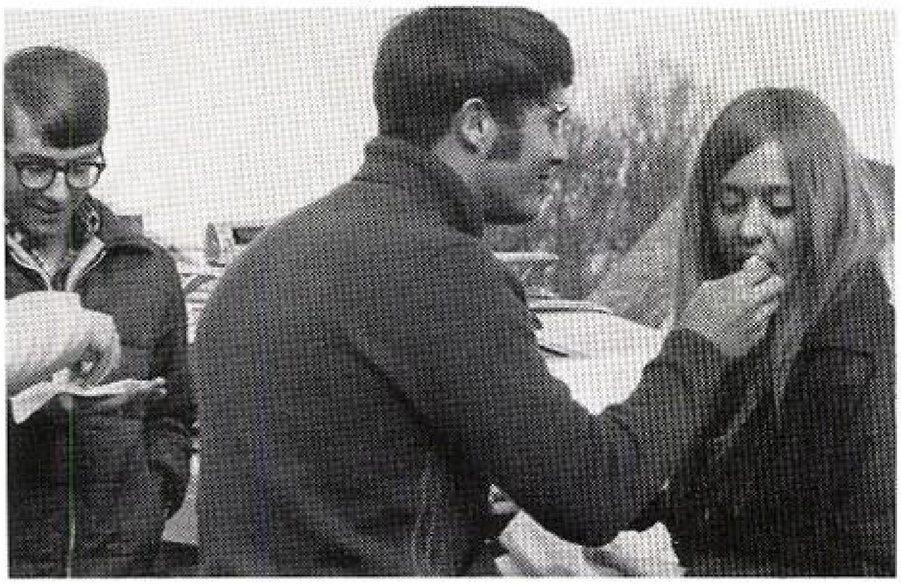

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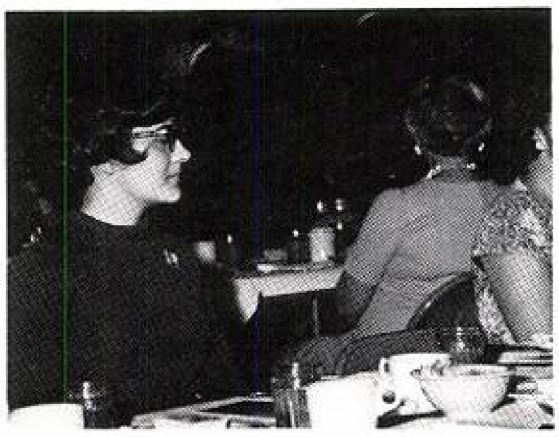

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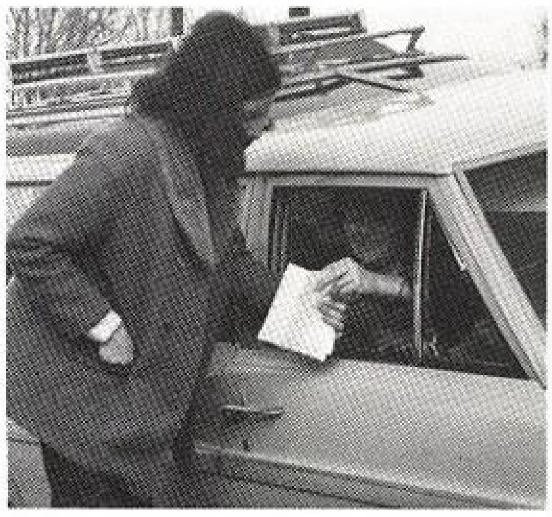

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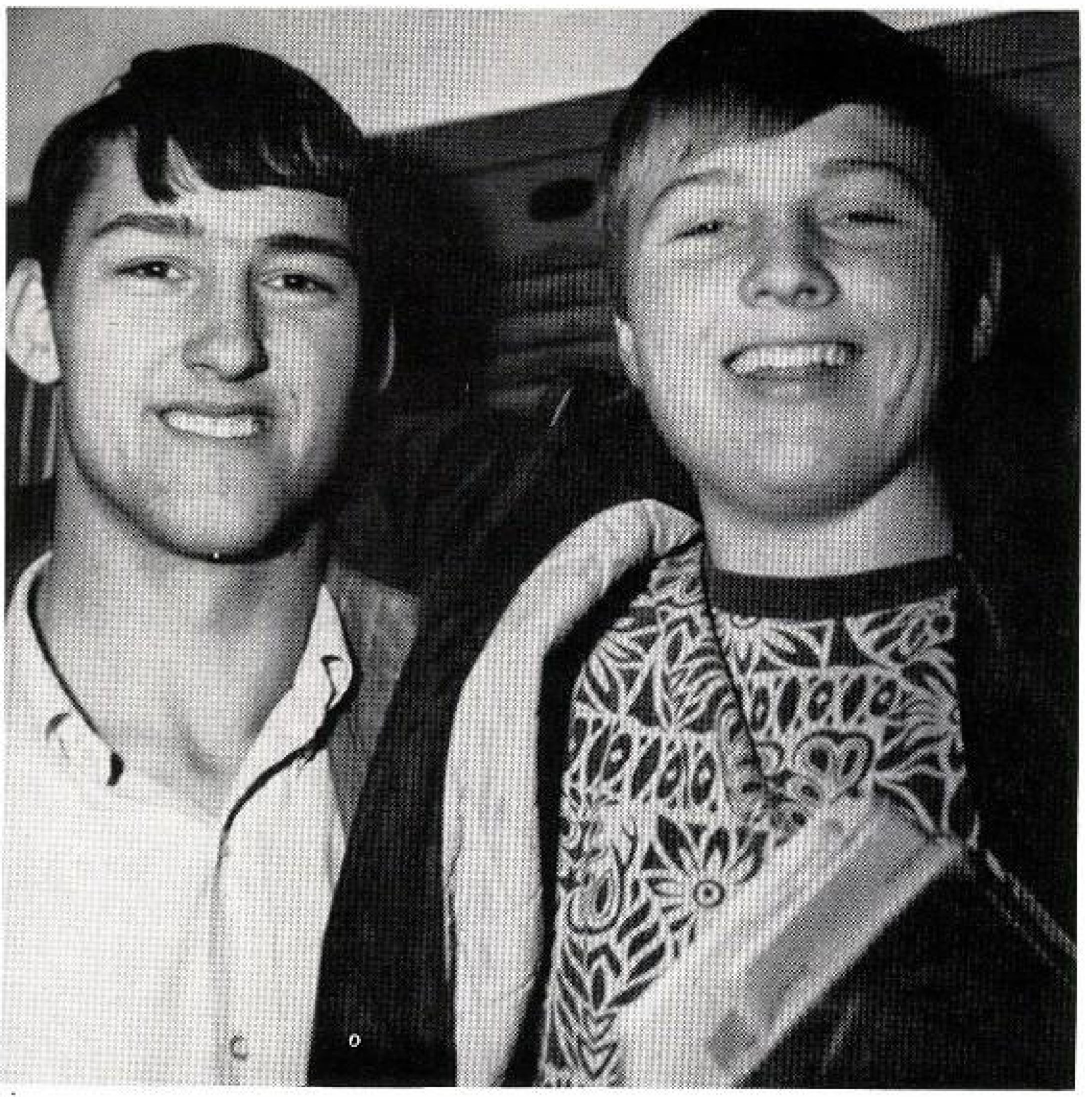

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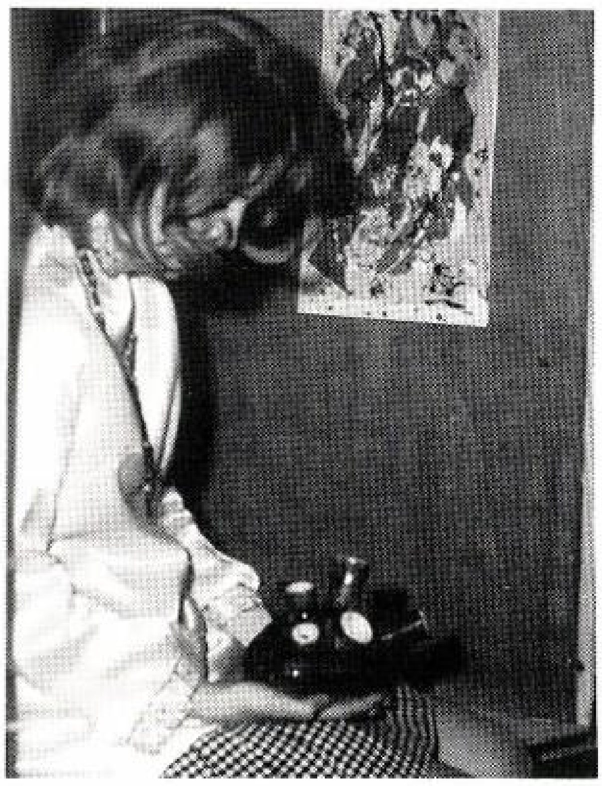

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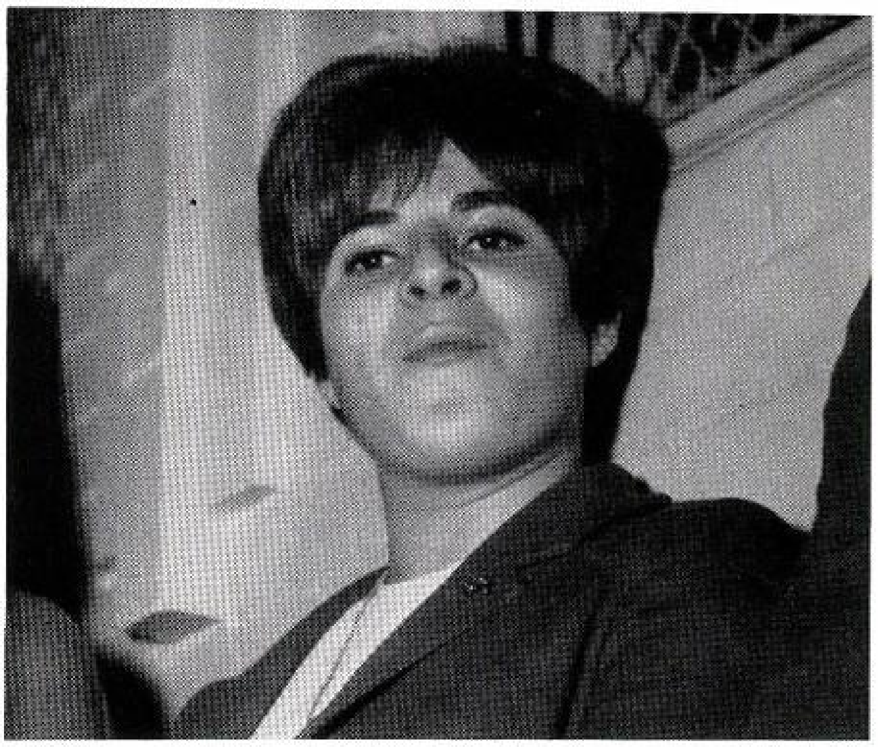

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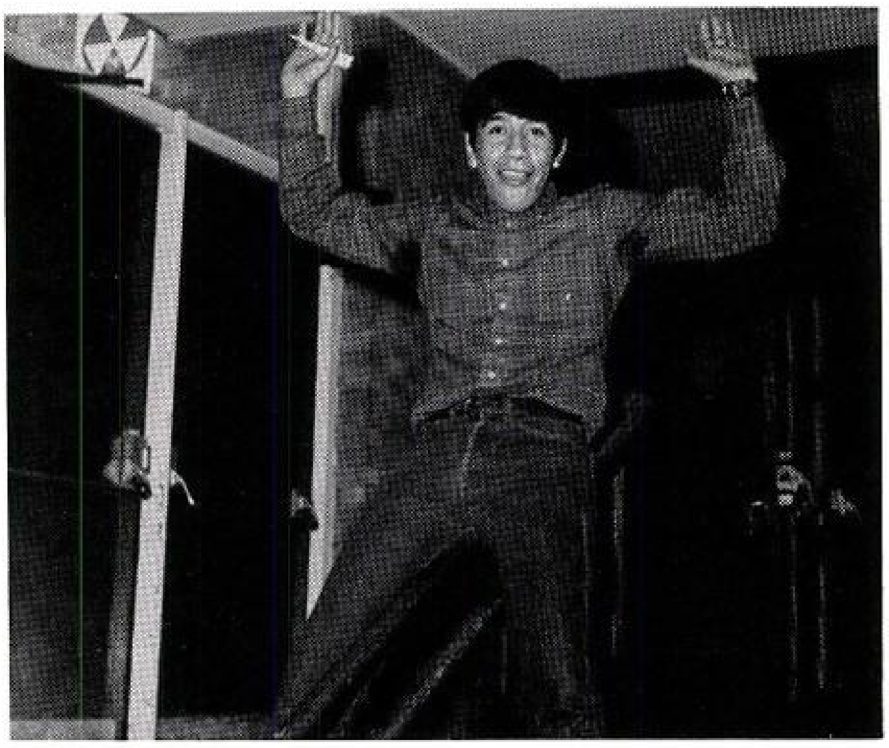

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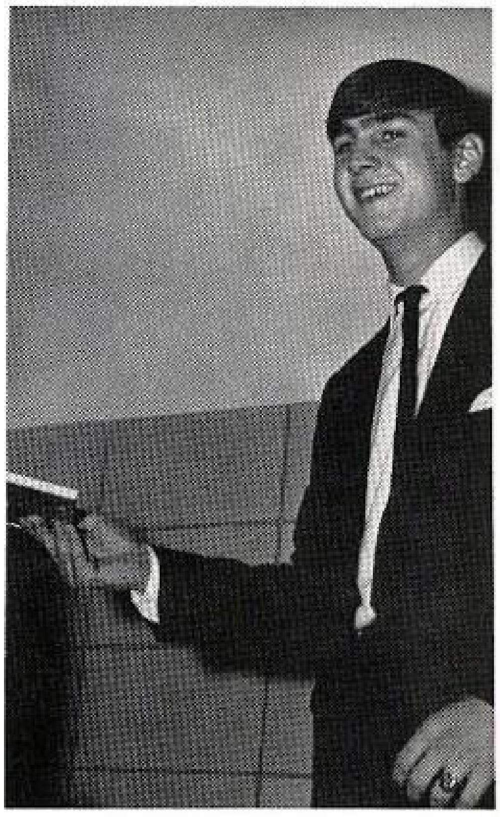

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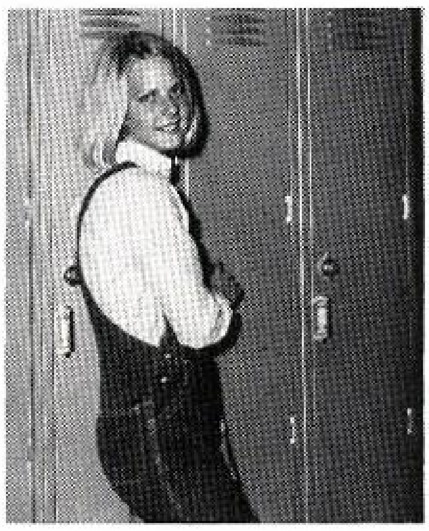

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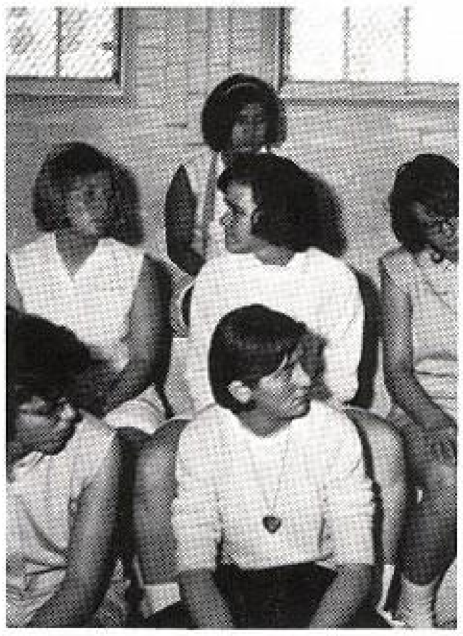

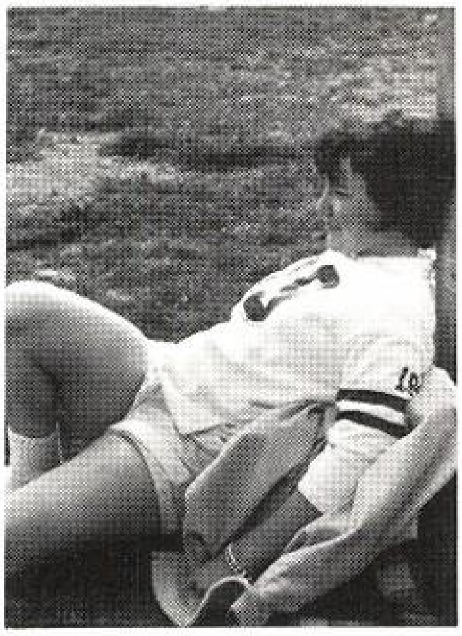

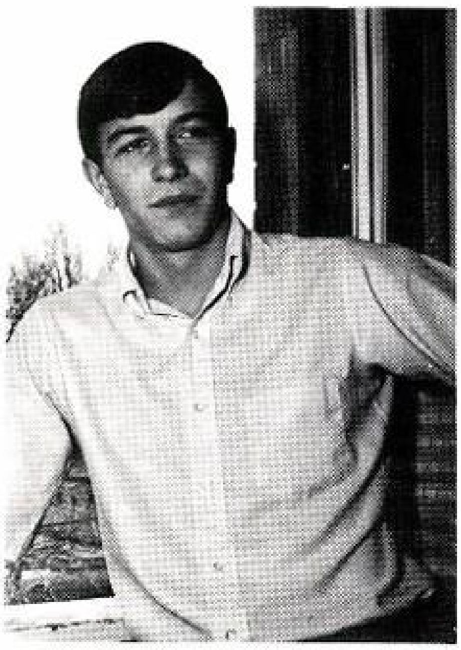

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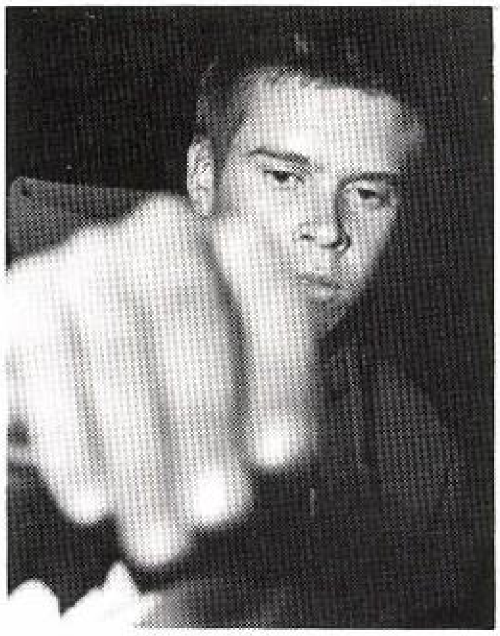

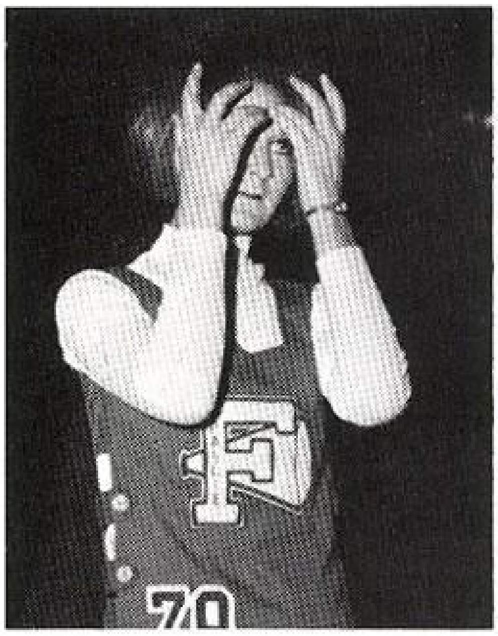

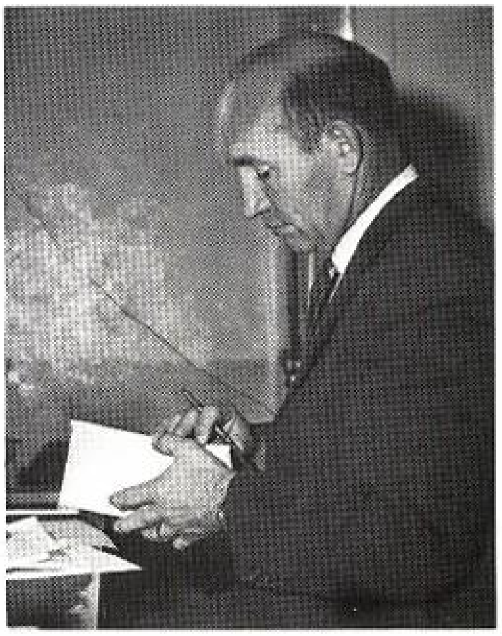

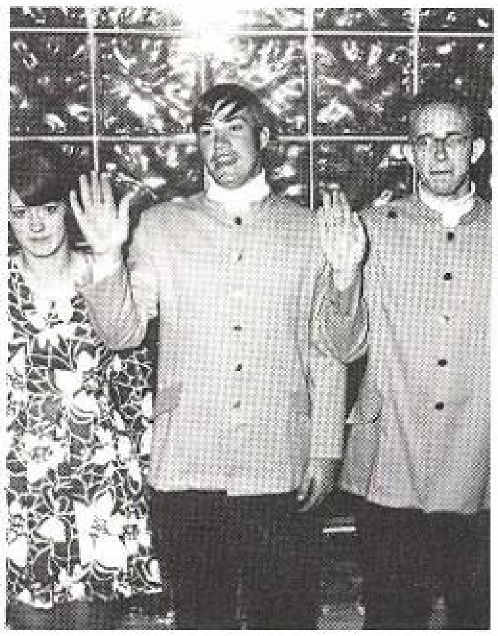

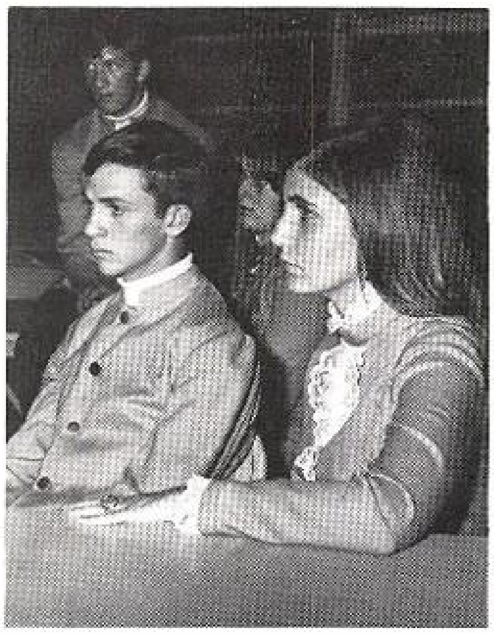

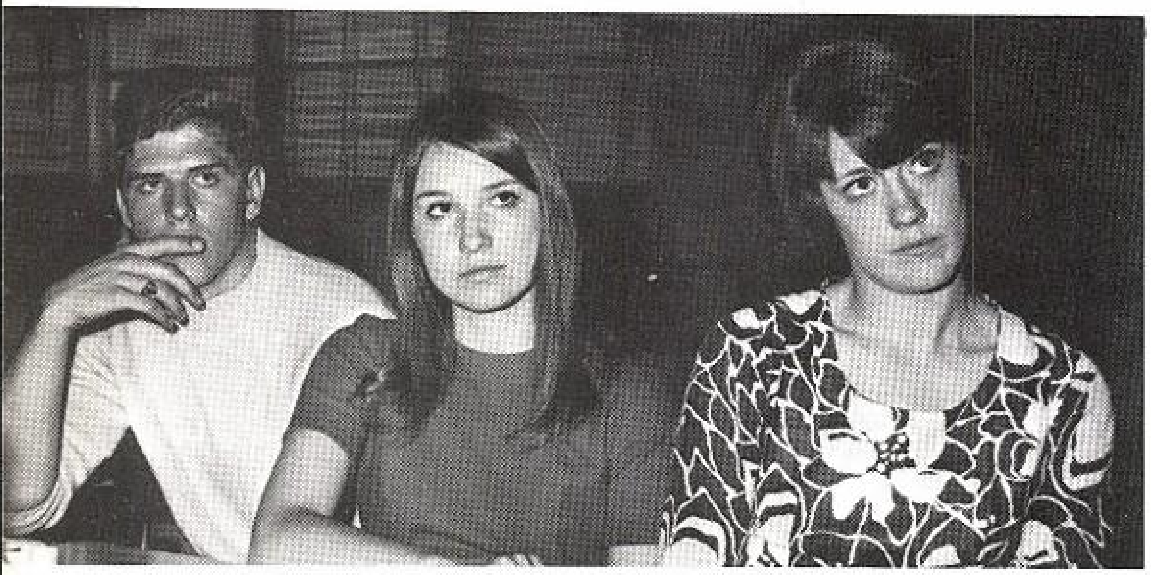

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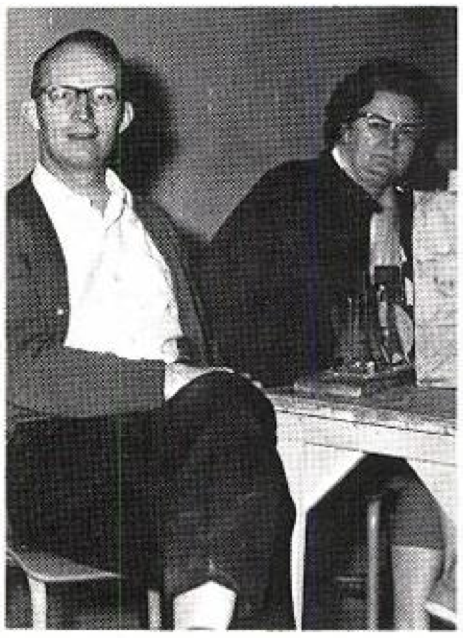

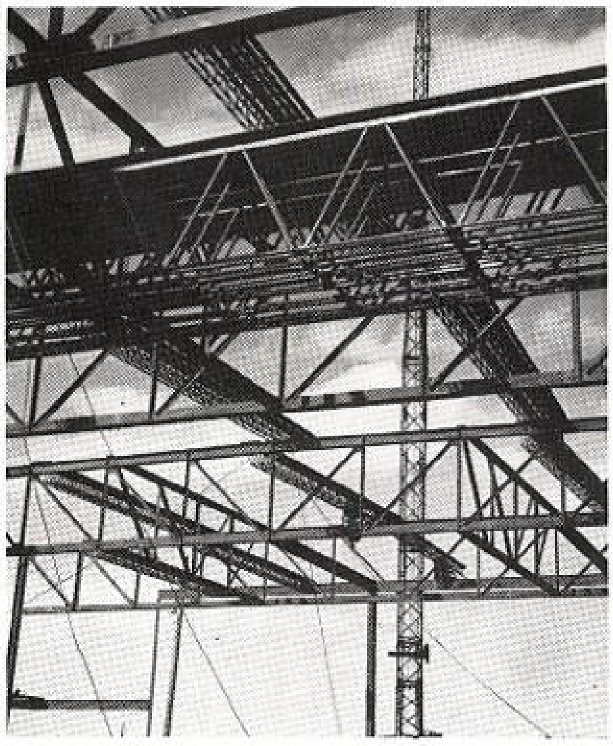

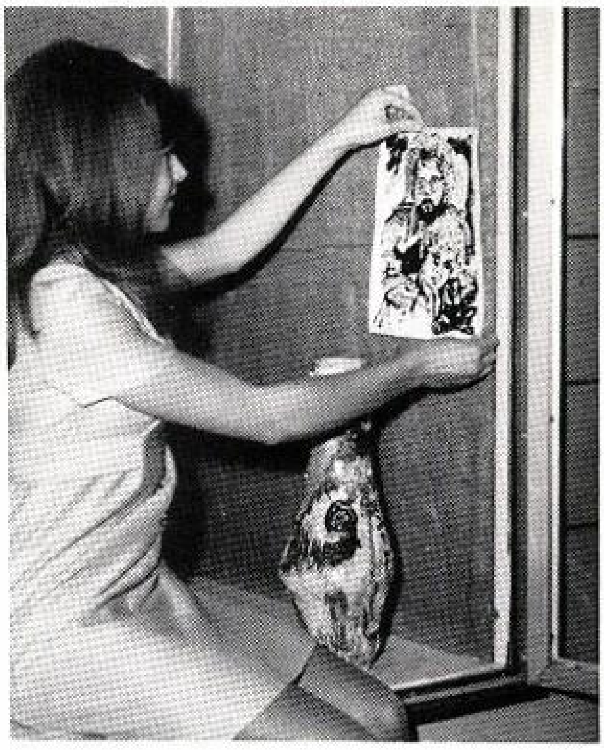

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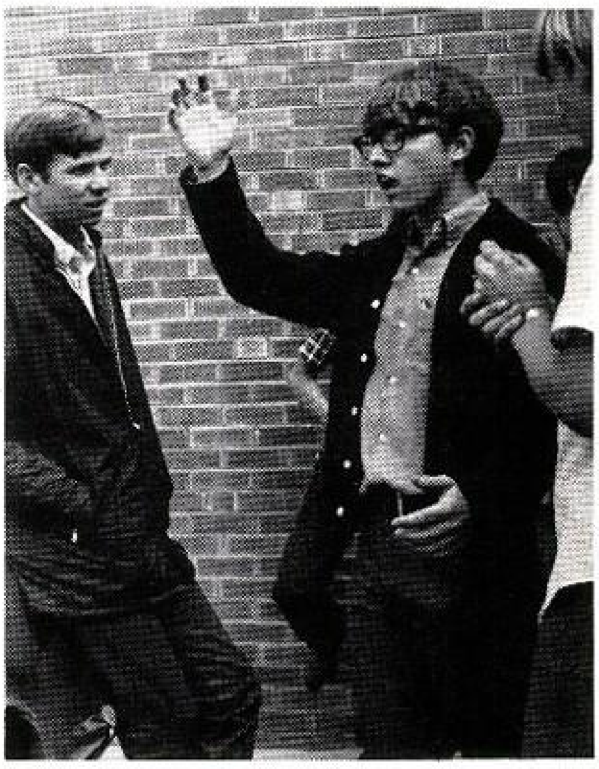

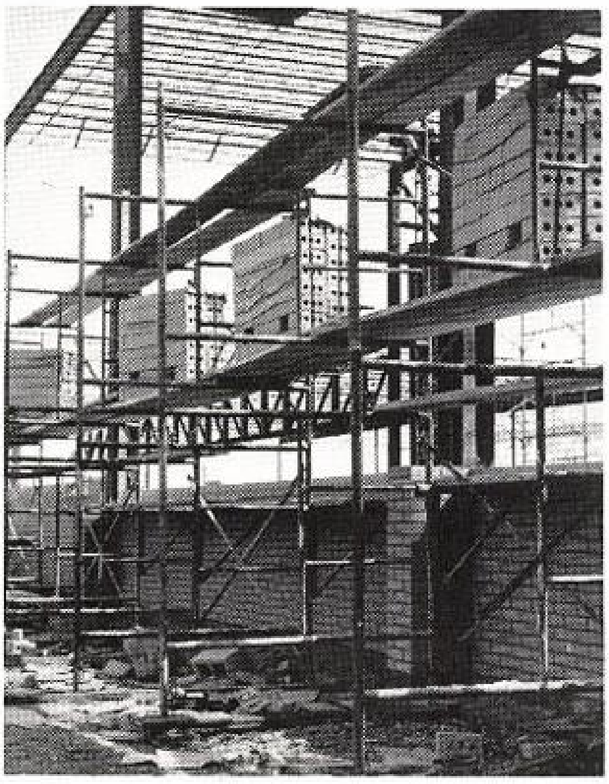

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The Final Touch

And so '69 passed: the last Maple-Street homecoming gave way to a final basketball game in the old gym; each day brought us nearer to the final curtain. And each finishing touch was significant in that it placed an emphatic period to that phase of life on Maple Street. Fruita High School was disappearing an hour at a time, a finishing touch at a time. Our daily routines continued as steel girders rose for a new building. We saw the bricks give them shape. But it will be a while yet before FMHS becomes a "Way of Life." Yet that, too, will come and go.

Jack,
to a real sweet
guy that I really
enjoy knowing. I hope you
get everything out of life that
you want and I hope we stay friends
for a long time. Good luck in the future.

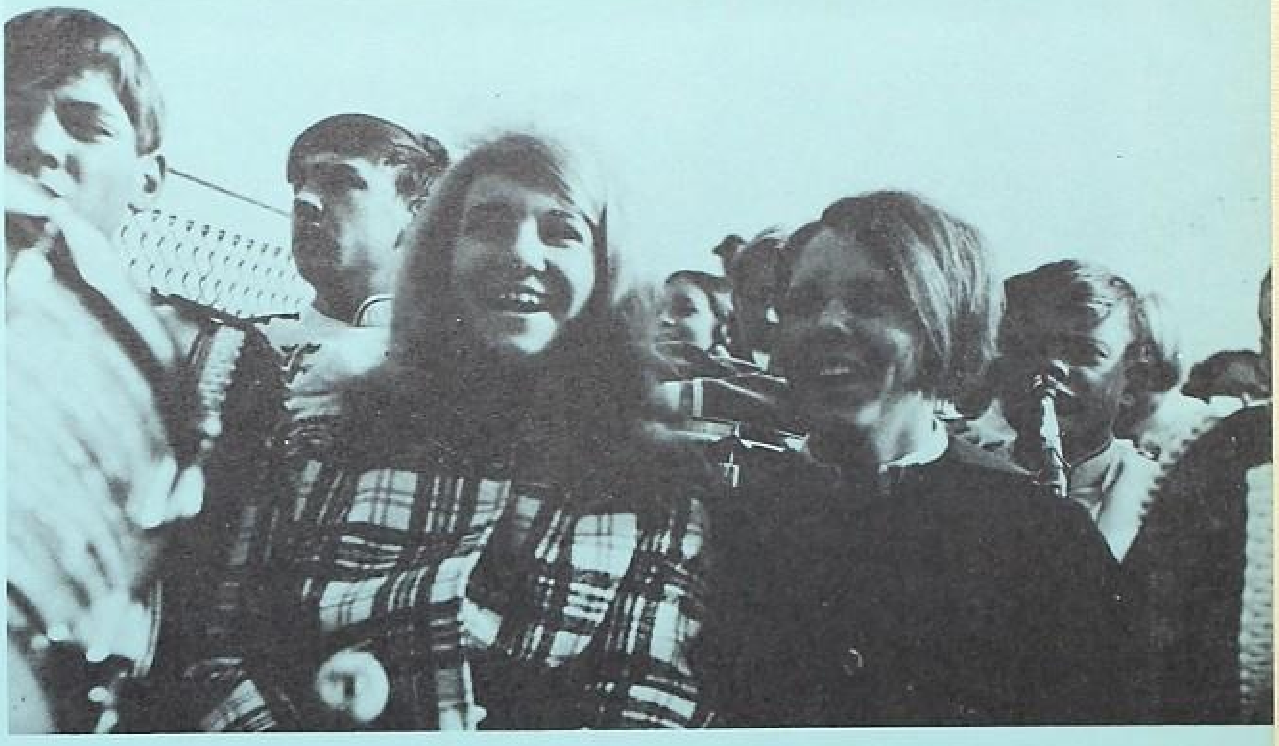
Delores

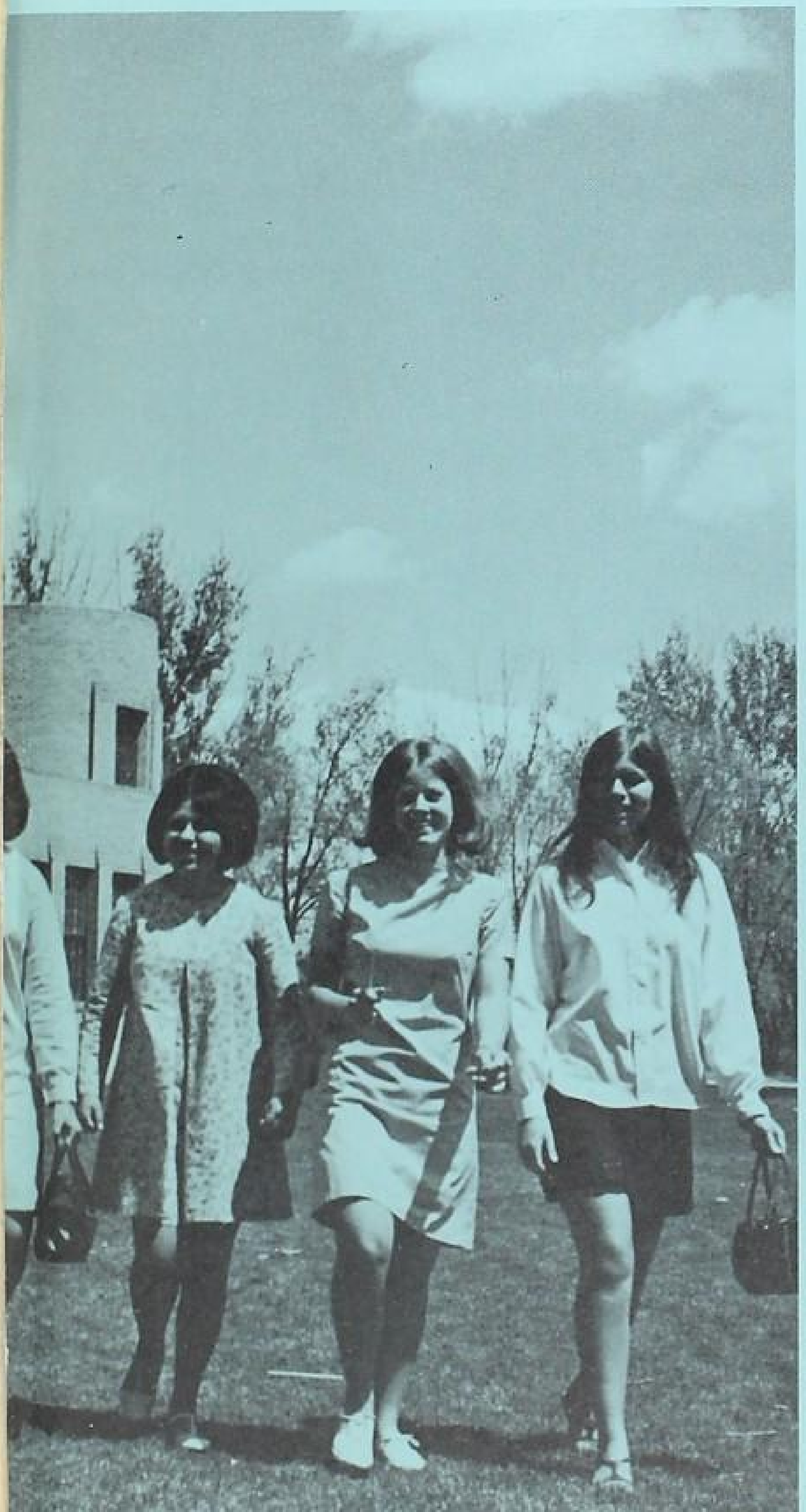
To Jack
A Real real
Ski Bum, and
I'm sure glad winter
is here, now we can
ski. Keep up the good
work.
Jim
"J"

Fight for Peace

Peace

Wildcats Left An Old Friend of Thirty Years





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